

## Present Perfect VS. Simple Past Tense

1. Complete the sentences using the verbs in parentheses. Use the present perfect where possible. Otherwise use the past simple.

1. I can't log onto the site. I 've forgotten (forget) my password.
2. The box is empty now. Somebody eat (eat) all the chocolates.
3. I was supposed to bring the movie yesterday, but I leave (leave) it at home.
4. Beverly go (go) to the store for some bread, but she's back at work now.
5. "Is everything ok?"  
"Yes. I stub (stub) my toe earlier, but it's fine now."
6. Can you call an ambulance? I break (break) my leg.

2. Are the underlined parts of the sentences right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

1. Here's some news! Ben's closed his store. OK
2. I don't have my pendrive right now. I've lent it to Andre.
3. Where has Rachel gone to school as a child?
4. Who has made the first TV?
5. Corruption has become a big issue in Brazil.
6. His math book isn't here. He's forgotten it at school.
7. My great grandfather has worked in a paper mill.
8. The internet has gone down so I can't send emails.
9. Elvis has been the singer who  
has sold the most albums.

3. Complete the email with the past simple or present perfect of the verb in parentheses.

Hi there Mom and Dad!!

I 1) not / be sure about the Girl's Science Summer Camp when I first heard about it, but I 2) have the most amazing time since I got here! And to think that it wasn't so long ago that I 3) pack my bags and 4) kiss you goodbye! Two weeks down and three to go!

Every day we have new guest speakers and the talks 5) be fascinating so far, at least until yesterday when Neil Degrasse Tyson 6) have to cancel because of a cancelled flight. Our camp leaders then 7) decide to bring us to the laboratory, and we 8) make eggshell geode crystals instead. Well, you know that I 9) do a lot of different experiments in my life, but this one 10) be truly cool, and unlike my chemistry experiments gone wrong, nothing 11) explode!!!

The world of science sure 12) change (change) a lot in the last few years! 13) you / hear about the discovery of water on Mars? Last August the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter 14) use (use) an imaging spectrometer and 15) detect (detect) signs of hydrated minerals. This confirmed what NASA 16) long / suspect!!! We 17) learn (learn) so much about our Solar System since we first 18) land (land) on the Moon and these are things that 19) seem (seem) impossible to study just one hundred years back!

This 20) be (be) such an amazing opportunity and I love every minute!

Lots of love,  
Rebecca