

# Present Perfect Simple And Present Perfect Continuous

1. Complete the following passage with the Present Perfect Simple or Present perfect Continuous form of the verb in brackets. The passive form may also be used.



(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (you ever have) a feeling that what is happening to you

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) before in the past? For example, perhaps you meet

someone for the first time, yet you feel that you (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) this person before, or you visit a place and feel that you (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (already be) there. People, who (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (study) such phenomena for years, call this feeling "déjà vu", which is French, meaning something that (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (already see) or experienced by a person. One explanation for déjà vu is that the mind absorbs information even when we (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (not pay) attention to what is going on around us. For example, my mother once described her childhood home. Perhaps I wasn't listening, but when I visited my grandmother's house for the first time, I had a feeling of déjà vu - I felt I had been there before.

Déjà vu (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (consider) by some as evidence of our past lives. This might explain feelings about a place you (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (not visit) before" perhaps in a previous life you did go there" Others argue that déjà vu is just a trick of the mind, and that we simply (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (not find) the correct explanation for it.



2. Use the words given to complete the sentences. Put the verbs in the Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

1. John's terribly upset. \_\_\_\_\_ ( he/break)  
off his engagement to Megan. Apparently  
\_\_\_\_\_ (she/see) someone else while  
\_\_\_\_\_ (he/be) in Africa.
2. Can you translate this note from Stockholm? I understood Swedish  
when I was a child, but \_\_\_\_\_ (I/forget) it all.
3. What's that dent in the side of the car? \_\_\_\_\_ (you/have)  
an accident?
4. I'm sorry, John's not here; \_\_\_\_\_ (he/go) the dentist.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (he/have) trouble with a tooth.
5. This cassette recorder is broken. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / play about) with it?
6. Your Italian is very good. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/study) it long?
7. Do you mind if I clear the table? \_\_\_\_\_ (you/have) enough to eat?
8. I'm not surprised \_\_\_\_\_ (he/fail) that exam.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (he /not/work) hard recently.
9. Oh no! \_\_\_\_\_ (the children/cook). Look at the state of this  
kitchen!
10. How many times \_\_\_\_\_ (Wendy/be) late for work this  
week?
11. I'm going to give that cat some food. \_\_\_\_\_ (it/sit) on the  
doorstep for hours. I'm sure it's starving.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ (I/do) grammar exercises all morning. I deserve a  
treat for lunch.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/not/buy) your mother a present? That's really  
mean of you!
14. I saw Katie yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_ (she/work) in Australia  
for the past year. Did you know?
15. Now where are my keys? This is the third time \_\_\_\_\_ (I/lose) them  
today!
16. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/ever/play) chess? You should try it. I'm  
sure it's the sort of game you'd like.
17. Oh, do be quiet. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/grumble) all day!
18. \_\_\_\_\_ (your  
tennis/really/improve)!

