

Present Perfect Simple versus Past Simple

I. Read the following sentences and write "PPS" for Present Perfect Simple or "PS" for Past Simple.

1. I saw the new Spiderman movie at the cinema last night! _____
2. I have seen the new Spiderman movie at the cinema already. _____
3. I have known Mark for ten years. He lives across the street and we meet every day! _____
4. I knew Mark for ten years, but then I lost his phone number and we never talked again. _____
5. My brother has been to Greece five times. He can't wait to go again next year! _____
6. My great-grandmother went to Greece many times. Sadly, she passed away last year. _____

II. Choose the correct use for each sentence by writing letters A-F for each sentence.

A. AN ACTION WHICH HAPPENED IN THE PAST – THE TIME IS **MENTIONED**

B. A LIFE EXPERIENCE – THE PERSON IS **NO LONGER ALIVE** 😞

C. LIFE EXPERIENCE – THE PERSON IS **STILL ALIVE** 😊

D. AN ACTION WHICH HAPPENED IN THE PAST – THE TIME IS **NOT MENTIONED**

E. AN ACTION WHICH **STARTED IN THE PAST AND FINISHED IN THE PAST**

F. AN ACTION WHICH **STARTED IN THE PAST AND CONTINUES IN THE PRESENT**

Present Perfect Simple	Past Simple
1. _____ I <u>have seen</u> the new Spiderman movie at the cinema already.	1. _____ I <u>saw</u> the new Spiderman movie at the cinema last night!
2. _____ I <u>have known</u> Mark for ten years. He lives across the street and we meet every day!	2. _____ I <u>knew</u> Mark for ten years, but then I lost his phone number and we never talked again.
3. _____ My brother <u>has been</u> to Greece five times. He can't wait to go again next year!	3. _____ My great-grandmother <u>went</u> to Greece many times. Sadly, she passed away last year.

III. Put the time words in the correct box:

LAST NIGHT	FOR A YEAR	RECENTLY	JUST	SINCE 2020	WHEN ...?
TWO WEEKS AGO	YESTERDAY	THIS MORNING	ALREADY	EVER	
ONE HOUR AGO	LAST WEEKEND	HOW LONG...?	NEVER	YET	

Time words for Present Perfect Simple	Time words for Past Simple

IV. Look at the formation rules for each tense. Then, complete with the correct form:

Present Perfect Simple → Person + have / has + 3rd form

I **have** recently **been** to Paris. (irregular)

She **has** **cooked** a lot of delicious meals. (regular)

Past Simple → Person + 2nd form of the verb

I **went** to the cinema a week ago. (irregular)

She **cooked** delicious food a week ago. (regular)

1. I _____ (have) Tommy for four years. He is a great cat and we play together all the time!
2. Before Tommy, I _____ (have) Garfield. He was a great cat, who lived a happy life.
3. I _____ (play) volleyball since I was a child. My teammates and I practice every Sunday.
4. She _____ (play) volleyball at school on Monday, but she didn't like it.
5. Last month I _____ (go) to Italy. We ate delicious pasta and visited some great museums.
6. I'm sorry, John is not here. He _____ (go) to the greengrocer's, but he will be back soon.
7. I _____ (live) in a flat for ten years, but then my family and I moved to a town house.
8. My family and I _____ (live) in a town house since last year. I love our garden!