

SIMPLE PAST vs. PRESENT PERFECT



Use THE SIMPLE PAST or THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE to fill in the blanks. Use CONTRACTIONS in negative sentences.

1. The young man (never / be) to Paris, but he (read) a book about this city last year.
2. you (decide) where to go yet?
3. A: Have some tea, please.
B: No, thank you. I (just / have) two cups of tea.
4. Susan (do) her homework before 10 o'clock but Jane (not / write) a word until now.
5. Her mother (buy) her a pair of new shoes yesterday.
6. The Prime Minister (leave) for the USA an hour ago.
7. A: the plane (land)?
B: Yes, it (land) ten minutes ago.
8. It (not / rain) for a long time.
9. you (see) my dog? It (run away) this morning.
10. We (meet) at a party a long time ago, but I (not / see) her since then.
11. I (see) an interesting book in a bookshop yesterday, but I (not / buy) it.
12. My friend (fall) from the bicycle because he (not / ride) one for ages.
13. His father (die) in 1970, but he (never / visit) his father's grave since that time.
14. They (go) to America years ago, but none of them (come) back since then.
15. A: you (speak) to an Englishman?
B: Yes, I (have) a short conversation with one last night.
16. A: you ever (be) to Tatilya?
B: Yes, I (go) there two years ago.
17. A: you (see) Jane recently?
B: No, I (see) her for a long time.