

Present Perfect or Past Simple

Make sentences from the words in brackets. Use the present perfect or past simple.

1. (it / not / rain / this week) **It hasn't rained this week** .
2. (the weather / be / cold / recently) The weather _____ .
3. (it / be / cold / last week) It _____ .
4. (I / not / read / a newspaper yesterday) I _____ .
5. (I / not / read / a newspaper today) _____ .
6. (Emily / earn / a lot of money / this year) _____ .
7. (she / not / earn / so much / last year) _____ .
8. (you / have / a holiday recently) _____ ?

Put the verb into the correct form, present perfect or past simple.

1. 'What's Madrid like?' 'I don't know. **I haven't been** (**I / not / be**) there.'
2. When _____ (**I / get**) home last night, _____ (**I / be**) very tired and _____ (**I / go**) straight to bed.
3. A: _____ (**you / see**) Lisa recently?
B: Yes, _____ (**I / see**) her a few days ago.
4. I'm tired. _____ (**I / not / sleep**) well last night.
5. The bus drivers were on strike last week. _____ (**there / be**) no buses.
6. Mr Lee _____ (**work**) in a bank for 15 years. Then _____ (**he / give**) it up. Now he works as a gardener.
7. Mary lives in Dublin. _____ (**she / live**) there all her life.
8. A: _____ (**you / go**) to the cinema last night?
B: Yes, but _____ (**it / be**) a mistake. The film _____ (**be**) awful.
9. My grandfather _____ (**die**) before I was born. _____ (**I / never / meet**) him.
10. I don't know Karen's husband. _____ (**I / never / meet**) him.
11. It's nearly lunchtime, and _____ (**I / not / see**) Martin all morning. I wonder where he is.

12. 'Where do you live?' 'In Boston.'

'How long _____ (you / live) there?' 'Five years.'

'Where _____ (you / live) before that?' 'In Chicago.'

'And how long _____ (you / live) in Chicago?' 'Two years.'

Complete the text with suitable forms of the words in brackets. Use the present perfect or past simple. In one place, both are possible.

Electric cars – Latest update

A small American car manufacturer (0) has just announced (just announce) that its experimental electric car, the Lexington X1, will go into production this year.

Markton Automobiles, of Detroit, Michigan, (1) _____ (make) the announcement at last month's Auto Show in Geneva.

Although there are now many electric cars on the market, so far manufacturers (2) _____ (not be able) to produce one that can really compete with existing petrol cars. There are two major problems – speed and distance. Up until now, electric cars (3) _____ (be) either too slow or unable to travel far enough without recharging their batteries. Markton Automobiles claim that they (4) _____ (overcome) these difficulties with a new type of solar panel which continually recharges the batteries. The company (5) _____ (not give) the press exact details yet, but they claim they (6) _____ (already test) the car successfully under all kinds of weather conditions.

A Japanese company (7) _____ (first design) the engine in 2007. But over the last few years Markton (8) _____ (adapt) the design and increased its power.

The company (9) _____ (invite) ten journalists to test-drive the new car last week. Their reports (10) _____ (be) mainly positive, although we will have to wait for the full test results before we know if this really is the electric car that everyone is waiting for.

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