



present perfect and past simple practice



Name: _____

Complete the sentences below using the present perfect.

1. How long _____ you _____ (Know) Simon?
2. How many times _____ you _____ (be) in London?
3. He _____ (eat) ten bars of chocolate today.
4. Julie _____ (cook) a delicious lunch for us today.
5. The students _____ (finish) the exams. They are relaxed.
6. John _____ never _____ (be) abroad.
7. Mary _____ (be) a doctor since 2007.
8. I _____ (have) my dog for 7 years.
9. I _____ (lost) my keys. I can't get home.
10. He is very unlucky. He _____ (break) ten bones.

Choose one of the verbs below to complete the sentences using the present perfect.

get - begin - know - break - win - start

1. The movie _____ just _____ (start). I don't think we missed anything important.
2. The concert _____ yet. It is still early.
3. _____ Lily ever _____ a 10 in an exam?
4. _____ you _____ Dan since primary school?
5. Zac Efron and Jessica Alba _____ never _____ an Oscar.
6. My brother is a great swimmer, but he _____ any records.

Choose the correct adverb.

1. It hasn't rained here for / just / since spring.
2. Andorra has never / yet / just won the World Cup.
3. I haven't bought J.K. Rowling latest book already / yet / ever.
4. I don't want to read that book, I've never / since / already.
5. People have travelled by plane since / for / yet 80 years.
6. The Olympic games have ever / already / never taken place in Madrid.
7. Have you never / yet / ever been to Canada?
8. I love to help people. I have done charity work in Africa since / for / just last summer.

Complete the sentences using present perfect or past simple.

1. I _____ (live) in New York since 2019.
2. When _____ you _____ (buy) your mobile phone? Two weeks ago.
3. It _____ (rain) all week. The holidays were awful.
4. I _____ (not see) Laura yesterday.
5. _____ you _____ (eat) sushi?

6. I _____ (not finish) my homework yet.
7. She _____ (speak) Italian since she was 8.
8. I _____ (not go) to work last week because I was ill.
9. We _____ (know) Mary for a long time.
10. What _____ you _____ (do) last weekend?

Complete the blanks in the text using the present perfect or the past simple.

My friend Rachel _____ (start) singing when she was only three. When we were in school we _____ her "the miracle" because she _____ (not come) and it _____ (be) very difficult to see her. Today she is a successful opera singer. She _____ (perform) in many theaters around the world. Since she started singing she _____ (be) in many countries. One of her favourite experiences was in 2014 when she _____ (visit) Australia and she _____ (sing) at the Sydney opera house.

I have another friend, Jack, who is an actor. He _____ (work) in more than 17 plays and he _____ (play) the parts of Romeo and Don Quixote. While he was preparing Don Quixote he _____ (visit) Spain and _____ (learn) Spanish. Over the years he _____ (become) very superstitious. He _____ (break) an arm during a performance while he was wearing a yellow scarf and since then he _____ (wear) anything in yellow.

