

Past Simple v. Present Perfect Simple

1) Look at the following examples..Which of the following sentences are **finished actions (definite time) (F)** and which are **experiences (no exact time) (E)**? Write **F** or **E** in the boxes.

- “ In many cities have already built vertical gardens.”
- “ In the past, people lived in villages near rivers.”
- “More and more people moved into big cities looking for job oppportunities.”
- “Despommier has designed a surprising prototype.”

2) Now **complete the rule**:

- A) We use the _____ to talk about complete actions at a definite time in the past.
- B) We use the _____ to talk about experiences or actions in the past when we don't mention the exact time.

3) Mark with a X the sentences that has the same meaning.

A – I have lived in Spain for two years.

- I live in Spain now.
- I don't live in Spain now.

B – I lived in France for 10 years.

- I live in France now.
- I don't live in France now.

C – He's had his computer for two weeks.

- He got the computer two weeks ago and he has it now.
- He owned a computer for two weeks but now he doesn't have one.

D - I read that book.

- I finished it in the past
- I did this at an indefinite time in the past.

4) Choose the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Past simple or present perfect simple?

My friend Suzy is really green. She *has recycled* (recycle) as much as possible for years. Last year, she (1) ... (write) a great article for the school magazine about recycling. Since then, the students (2) ... (try) to recycle all the paper and plastic we use at school. We (3) ... (not throw away) any paper since then! For the past year, Suzy (4) ... (buy) green presents for everyone. For my last birthday, she (5) ... (buy) me some organic chocolate and a Fairtrade T-shirt. The chocolate (6) ... (be) delicious and I (7) ... (wear) the T-shirt a lot since I got it. I (8) ... (wear) it last week to a party and everyone (9) ... (think) it was great. I'm going to try and be greener this year, like Suzy!

5) Listen to the track and complete the missing words in the following text.

A. Read the text and choose the correct answers.



Two years ago, my family (1) ... to do something for the environment. First, we (2) ... taking our own shopping bags to the supermarket so we (3) ... to use the supermarket's plastic bags. Then we (4) ... a compost heap in the garden for all our food waste. My parents (5) ... their bikes to work for years. But to be even greener, they (6) ... their car. We (7) ... put solar panels on our roof, but we will soon. I haven't bought any new clothes (8) ... a year but last week I (9) ... half my clothes with a friend who's the same size as me. And since the beginning of the year my sister and I (10) ... an environmental group raise money.