

The PAST SIMPLE is used:	The PRESENT PERFECT is used:
- When there is a specific mention of time. (yesterday, in 2005, last Saturday, six months ago) - For situations that began and ended in the past (FINISHED ACTIONS).	- To talk about past events when there is no specific time mentioned. - For situations that began in the past and continue in the present. (UNFINISHED ACTIONS). - To talk about life experiences and recent events.



Compare:

I lost my keys <i>last week</i> .	Oh, no! I have lost my keys! (= I can't find them <i>now</i> .)
Bill went home <i>ten minutes ago</i> .	Bill has gone home. (= He isn't here <i>now</i> .)
Did you see Ann <i>on Saturday</i> ?	Have you seen Ann? (= where is she <i>now</i> ?)
Did you go to Spain <i>last year</i> ?	Have you ever been to Spain? (= in your life, until <i>now</i> .)
Shakespeare wrote many plays and poems.	My friend is a writer. He has written many books. (until <i>now</i>)

LET'S PRACTISE!

Right or wrong? Choose the correct option

- 1- Have you seen / Did you see Ann yesterday?
- 2- I finished / I've finished my homework at 2 o'clock.
- 3- I'm ready now! I finished / I've finished my homework.
- 4- Sue isn't here. She has gone out / went out.
- 5- Jim's grandmother died / has died in 1989.
- 6- Where did you go / have you gone last night?
- 7- I visited / have visited the Eiffel Tower two years ago.
- 8- I travelled / have travelled to Europe three times in my life.

Write the verb in the present perfect or past simple

- 1- I _____ (play) tennis yesterday afternoon.
- 2- My sister _____ (not/meet) a famous person.
- 3- We _____ (not/go) on holiday last year.
- 4- Look! The children _____ (break) the window!
- 5- Kathy travels a lot. She _____ (visit) many countries.
- 6- We _____ (see) "Harry Potter" at the cinema on Friday.
- 7- Oh! I _____ (lose) my passport! I can't find it now!
- 8- My dad _____ (buy) a new car last month.
- 9- It's Rachel's birthday tomorrow and I _____ (not/buy) her a present.
- 10- I'm sorry! I _____ (forget) my homework.