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Stay in or go out

Past Simple and present perfect simple

GRAMMARZONE

Past simple

- for an action or state that was completed in the past. We often say a specific time or date.

Chloe **played** a computer game until bedtime.

At half past three, Francis **texted** Anna.

Present perfect simple

- for a past action or situation, which is either continuing now, or finished at an unspecified time or date.

Mum **has bought** me a new console for my birthday.

Have you **tried** the latest Simpsons game?

Present perfect simple with adverbs

- + **just**, for very recent events

Oliver **has just** destroyed an alien space ship!

- + **(not) yet**, for something we expected to happen sooner

Has Michael found the treasure **yet**?

Michael **hasn't** finished level 2 **yet**.

Note: we only use **yet** for negatives and questions.

- + **already**, for something that has happened before now

We've **already** got bored with the game.

- + **since**, for the time when something started

Peter **has** used his computer every day **since** he got it.

- + **for**, for the amount of time something continues

I **haven't** been to the cinema **for** months.

- + **ever, never**, for any time up to now

Has David **ever** beaten you?

Tina **has never** seen such a horrible monster.

Note: We use **not + ever** and **never** for negatives, and **ever** for questions.

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'Penny **has never** eaten snails **before**.'

1 Choose the best word to complete these sentences.

- 1 I've *never/ever* tried *The Sims* game.
- 2 *Has/Did* Graham sent you an email about the party?
- 3 'Can you email me with the information?'
'No, my computer *hasn't* been repaired *already/yet*.'
- 4 Pam *has already/already has* printed out her project.
- 5 'Why don't you come over this evening?'
I've *yet/just* got a brilliant new game!
- 6 Jason has won the IT prize *for/since* the last three years.
- 7 Tia *hasn't ever/since* read *Harry Potter*!
- 8 I *have got/got to* level 6 of *Tomb Raider* yesterday!
- 9 We have *just/since* got the results of our exams!
- 10 Bill says he *hasn't ever/never* met my cousin Paul.
- 11 They *haven't/didn't* warn us about the ice on the road.
- 12 Do you want a lift? My parents have *bought/buy* a cool new car.
- 13 Tom has *already/yet* got to level 6 of his new game.
- 14 *Do/Have* you seen my game boy? I can't find it anywhere.
- 15 Tina has known Mr and Mrs Franks *for/since* years.