

Past Simple vs Present Perfect – Practice 1

Complete the sentences with the past simple or present perfect simple form.

1. When I first _____ (move) to London, I _____ (stay) with an old school friend.
2. I've _____ (never / met) a couple that get on as well as my aunt and uncle.
3. _____ (you / know) that it's common for mothers to live with their elder son and daughter-in-law in my culture?
4. I _____ (go) round to visit my sister and brother-in-law on Friday but they _____ (not / be) in.
5. I _____ (already / book) my summer holiday. I _____ (have) such a good time last year that I'm going to the same place!
6. _____ (you / see) Jo this morning? I _____ (not / think) she looked very well yesterday.
7. How many different parts of the city _____ (they / live) in so far?
8. _____ (be) Neil really nervous when he _____ (meet) his birth mother for the first time?

Write complete sentences with the words using the past simple or present perfect simple form.

1. you / ever / see / such a beautiful horse / ?

2. he / not speak / to anyone / since the weekend / .

3. you / like / the book / I / send / you / ?

4. you / love / animals / since / you / be / a child / ?

5. an acquaintance of mine / just / recommend / a good Thai restaurant / .

6. how long / you two / be / friends / ?

Choose the best response or ending.

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| 1. Why did he run away?
a. Because he saw a ghost.
b. Because he has been seeing a ghost. | 4. What happened when they heard the news?
a. They've decided to have a party.
b. They decided to have a party. |
| 2. He's just rung and ...
a. he's coming now.
b. he's been coming. | 5. Where have you been living all this time?
a. I stayed with an old friend.
b. With an old friend, but I've just found a place of my own. |
| 3. Are they still working hard on the house?
a. No, they've just finished.
b. No, they've just been finishing. | |