Unit 14

Present perfect and past 2 (**I have done** and **I did**)

A

Do not use the present perfect (**I have done**) when you talk about a *finished* time (for example, **yesterday / ten minutes ago / in 2005 / when I was a child**). Use a past tense:

- It **was** very cold **yesterday**. (*not* has been)
- Paul and Lucy **arrived ten minutes ago**. (*not* have arrived)
- **Did** you **eat** a lot of sweets **when you were a child**? (*not* have you eaten)
- I **got** home late **last night**. I **was** very tired and **went** straight to bed.

Use the past to ask **When** ... ? or **What time** ... ?:

- **When did** your friends **arrive**? (*not* have ... arrived)
- **What time did** you **finish** work?

Compare:

Present perfect

- Tom **has lost** his key. He can't get into the house.
- Is Carla here or **has** she **left**?

Past simple

- Tom **lost** his key **yesterday**. He couldn't get into the house.
- **When did** Carla **leave**?

B

Compare:

Present perfect (**have done**)

- **I've done** a lot of work **today**.

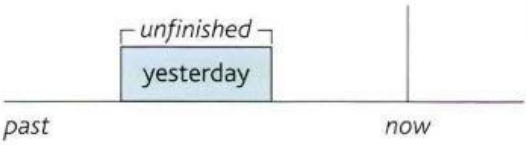
We use the present perfect for a period of time that continues *until now*. For example: **today / this week / since 2007**.

- It **hasn't rained this week**.
- **Have** you **seen** Anna **this morning**? (it is still morning)
- **Have** you **seen** Tim **recently**?
- I don't know where Lisa is. I **haven't seen** her. (= I haven't seen her recently)
- We**'ve been waiting** for an hour. (we are still waiting now)
- Jack lives in Los Angeles. He **has lived** there for seven years.
- I **have never played** golf. (in my life)
- *It's the last day of your holiday. You say:* It**'s been** a really good holiday. I**'ve** really **enjoyed** it.

Past simple (**did**)

- **I did** a lot of work **yesterday**.

We use the past simple for a *finished* time in the past. For example: **yesterday / last week / from 2007 to 2010**.



- It **didn't rain last week**.
- **Did** you **see** Anna **this morning**? (it is now afternoon or evening)
- **Did** you **see** Tim **on Sunday**?
- A: **Was** Lisa at the party **on Sunday**?
  B: I don't think so. I **didn't** see her.
- We **waited** (*or* **were waiting**) for an hour. (we are no longer waiting)
- Jack **lived** in New York for ten years. Now he lives in Los Angeles.
- I **didn't play** golf **last summer**.
- *After you come back from holiday you say:* It **was** a really good holiday. I really **enjoyed** it.

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Exercises

14.1 **Are the underlined parts of these sentences right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.**

1 I've lost my key. I can't find it anywhere. OK
2 Have you eaten a lot of sweets when you were a child? Did you eat
3 I've bought a new car. You must come and see it. .....
4 I've bought a new car last week. .....
5 Where have you been yesterday evening? .....
6 Lucy has left school in 1999. .....
7 I'm looking for Mike. Have you seen him? .....
8 'Have you been to Paris?' 'Yes, many times.' .....
9 I'm very hungry. I haven't eaten much today. .....
10 When has this book been published? .....

14.2 **Make sentences from the words in brackets. Use the present perfect or past simple.**

1 (it / not / rain / this week) It hasn't rained this week.
2 (the weather / be / cold / recently) The weather .....
3 (it / cold / last week) It .....
4 (I / not / read / a newspaper yesterday) I .....
5 (I / not / read / a newspaper today) .....
6 (Emily / earn / a lot of money / this year) .....
7 (she / not / earn / so much / last year) .....
8 (you / have / a holiday recently?) .....

14.3 **Put the verb into the correct form, present perfect or past simple.**

1 'What's Madrid like?' 'I don't know. I haven't been (I / not / be) there.'
2 When ..... (I / get) home last night, ... (I / be) very tired and ..... (I / go) straight to bed.
3 A: ..... (you / see) Lisa recently?
B: Yes, ... (I / saw) her a few days ago.
4 I'm tired. ..... (I / not / sleep) well last night.
5 The bus drivers were on strike last week. ..... (there / be) no buses.
6 Mr Lee ..... (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then ..... (he / give) it up. Now he works as a gardener.
7 Mary lives in Dublin. ..... (she / live) there all her life.
8 A: ..... (you / go) to the cinema last night?
B: Yes, but ..... (it / be) a mistake. The film ..... (be) awful.
9 My grandfather ..... (die) before I was born. ..... (I / never / meet) him.
10 I don't know Karen's husband. ..... (I / never / meet) him.
11 It's nearly lunchtime, and ..... (I / not / see) Martin all morning. I wonder where he is.
12 'Where do you live?' 'In Boston.'
'How long ..... (you / live) there?' 'Five years.'
'Where ..... (you / live) before that?' 'In Chicago.'
'And how long ..... (you / live) in Chicago?' 'Two years.'

14.4 **Write sentences about yourself using the ideas in brackets.**

1 (something you haven't done today) I haven't eaten any fruit today
2 (something you haven't done today) .....
3 (something you didn't do yesterday) .....
4 (something you did yesterday evening) .....
5 (something you haven't done recently) .....
6 (something you've done a lot recently) .....

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