

Read the two witness statements and answer the questions below.

WITNESS A

"I saw the thief yesterday."

WITNESS B

"I have seen the thief before."

1. Which witness talks about a FINISHED action?

2. Which witness has a CONNECTION to the present?

3. What is our mission today?

CHRONOS INVESTIGATIONS

CASE FILE # 404

The Mystery of the Missing Diamond

Detective:

Date:

Group:

Mission Briefing: "Good morning, junior detective! Welcome to Chronos Investigations. We have a new case: The Mystery of the Missing Diamond. To solve it, you need to master the Timeline Code — the difference between Past Simple and Present Perfect. Are you ready?"

PAGE 1 — DOSSIER & INVESTIGATION

1 Detective Intuition Test

Write 3 words you associate with each column.

PAST

(finished time)

1.

2.

3.

NOW / RESULT

(connection to now)

1.

2.

3.

3 Grammar Discovery — Evidence Analysis

Inductive Rule

Read the extracts from Case File N404. Sort them into two columns. Underline the time markers.

I saw the suspect near the museum **yesterday at 8 PM**.

I have **just** found a strange glove at the crime scene.

He has visited this city **three times in his life**.

He bought a one-way ticket **last Friday**.

PAGE 2 — PRACTICE & PRODUCTIVE TASKS

4 The Timeline Code

Complete the Table

PAST SIMPLE	PRESENT PERFECT
Form	V2 / did + V1
Markers	• yesterday • _____ • in 2019 • _____
Example	I _____ (lose) my keys. (I can't find them NOW!)
	have/has + _____ • just / _____ • ever / _____ • for / _____ • _____

5 Interrogation Room

Pair Work

Work in pairs. Student A = Detective, Student B = Witness. Make questions and answers. Change roles after 2 minutes.

Detective's Card

- (ever / be / to London?)
- (when / go / there?)
- (you / see / anyone suspicious / yesterday?)
- (what time / you / arrive / at the museum?)

Witness's Card

- {Yes}
- {last year}
- {No, I didn't}
- {I arrived at 9 PM}

Detective:
Witness:
Detective:
Witness:
Detective:
Witness:

FINISHED PAST

(Past Simple)

Sentence _____:

Sentence _____:

Time markers:

CONNECTION TO PRESENT

(Present Perfect)

Sentence _____:

Sentence _____:

Time markers:

My Grammar Rule

We use PAST SIMPLE for

We use PRESENT PERFECT for

🔊 Listen to the teacher. Write **PS** or **PP** next to each sentence. Then stand up (PP) or sit down (PS)!

- 1 I have lost my keys!
- 2 Shakespeare wrote Hamlet.
- 3 She has just passed her exam.
- 4 They visited Paris in 2020.
- 5 He has never tried sushi.

🔊 Your group is investigating one suspect. Create a dossier. Write 6–8 sentences including 2 facts in Present Perfect, 2 actions in Past Simple, and 2 additional details.

Mr. Black	Ms. Silver	Mr. Gold
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★ SUSPECT DOSSIER ★

NAME

OCCUPATION

PRESENT PERFECT (life experience)

1. _____

2. _____

PAST SIMPLE (yesterday's actions)

1. _____

2. _____

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

1. _____

2. _____

VERDICT

☐ **GUILTY**

☐ **INNOCENT**

BECAUSE...

PAGE 3 — TEST, REFLECTION & HOMEWORK

8 Final Chief's Test

Digital Quiz

Scan the QR code and complete the quiz on Onlinetestpad. Record your score below.



My score: _____ / 7
My rank: _____

🏆 Top 3 detectives get a badge!

9 Detective's Log — Exit Ticket

Reflection

Before you leave the agency, fill in your detective's log.

★ One thing I knew well:

💡 One new thing I discovered today:

? One question I still have:

10 Choose Your Mission

Homework

Choose ONE task. Submit by next lesson via Sferum.

The Writer

Write a police dossier about a fictional character (100–120 words).

— OGt Writing Practice

The Vlogger

Record a 1-min video for VK Clips explaining PS vs PP using examples from your life.

— Speaking + Creativity

The Artist

Create a comic or infographic showing the difference between "I lost my keys" and "I have lost my keys".

— Visual Thinking

My choice: _____

Case № 404 — The Mystery of the Missing Diamond

✓ GOOD LUCK, DETECTIVE

TEACHER'S ANSWER KEY

Do not distribute to students!

Task 1 — Detective Intuition Test

Free answers. Expected examples:

- **PAST:** yesterday, ago, finished, completed, last week, in 2019
- **NOW / RESULT:** just, already, experience, result, now, ever, never

Task 2 — Contradictory Evidence

- 1. Witness A — "I saw" = Past Simple (finished action).
- 2. Witness B — "I have seen" = Present Perfect (connection to present).
- 3. Our mission is to understand the difference between Past Simple and Present Perfect to analyze the evidence and find the thief.

Task 3 — Grammar Discovery

- **Finished Past (Past Simple):** ① and ④. Markers: yesterday, last Friday.
- **Connection to Present (Present Perfect):** ② and ③. Markers: just, three times in his life.

Rule: Past Simple → finished action at a specific past time. Present Perfect → action connected to the present (result / experience / unfinished period).

Task 4 — The Timeline Code

- Present Perfect form: **have / has + V3** (past participle).
- PS markers: last week / ago. PP markers: already / never / since / yet.
- Examples: I went (PS) / I have lost (PP).

Task 5 — Interrogation Room (Model Dialogue)

- D: Have you ever been to London? — W: Yes, I have.
- D: When did you go there? — W: I went there last year.
- D: Did you see anyone suspicious yesterday? — W: No, I didn't.
- D: What time did you arrive at the museum? — W: I arrived at 9 PM.

Task 6 — Timeline Jump

- 1. PP 2. PS 3. PP 4. PS 5. PP

Task 7 — Evidence Board (Model Answers)

- **Present Perfect:** He has worked at the museum for 5 years. He has never been arrested before.
- **Past Simple:** He bought a black mask yesterday. He left the office at 10 PM.

Task 8 — Final Chief's Test

Answers depend on the quiz you created on Onlinetestpad. Auto graded.

Task 9 — Exit Ticket

Free personal reflection. No correct answers.

Task 10 — Homework Assessment Criteria

- **Writer:** 100–120 words, correct use of PS & PP, coherent narrative.
- **Vlogger:** 1 minute, clear explanation, real-life examples, good pronunciation.
- **Artist:** visual clarity, correct distinction between the two tenses.