

GRAMMAR

Present perfect and past simple

1 Read the examples. Then complete the rules with **present perfect** or **past simple**.

- 1 Ollie's **eaten** everything from ants to zebra.
- 2 I **made** an ostrich curry **last week**.

- a We use the _____ to ask or talk about experiences in our life.
- b We use the _____ (often with a past time phrase) to ask or say exactly when something happened.
- c We do not use past time phrases with the _____.

2 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 We enjoyed the party, but there *hasn't been* / *wasn't* anything to eat.
- 2 Macy *had* / *'s had* an argument with her best friend yesterday.
- 3 We eat meat, but we *went* / *'ve been* to vegetarian restaurants lots of times.
- 4 *Did you ever cook* / *Have you ever cooked* a meal for your friends?
- 5 It was Mum's birthday on Sunday and we *went* / *'ve been* out to a restaurant.
- 6 I *never ordered* / *'ve never ordered* pizza online.

3 Ask and answer questions using the present perfect with **ever** and the past simple.

0 go to a concert? – Who / see?

A: *Have you ever been to a concert?*

B: *Yes, I have.*

A: *Who did you see?*

B: *I saw Calvin Harris last year.*

1 make anyone angry? – Who / be / it?

2 eat out with your friends? – Where / go?

3 win anything? – What / win?

How long? and for/since

4 Read the examples. Then complete the rules with the **words** in the examples.

- 1 **How long** has Ollie had a blog? He's had a blog **for** two years.
- 2 He's tried over a hundred different things **since** he started his blog.

We use:

- a _____ to ask a question in the present perfect about a period of time.
- b _____ to say when something started.
- c _____ to give the period of time something has continued.

Present perfect

» FOR THE PRESENT PERFECT FORM SEE GRAMMAR REFERENCE AND PRACTICE, UNIT 9, PAGE 146

- We use the present perfect to talk about experiences in our life up to the present.
- We don't use past time phrases with the present perfect.

She's seen that film.

They've heard that song.

We haven't visited this museum.

Have you tried Thai food?

Past simple

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- We can use the past simple to say exactly when something happened.
She saw the film last week.
They heard that song at a concert.
We visited this museum last time we came to London.
Did you try Thai food when you were in Bangkok?

How long? and for/since

- We use **How long** with the present perfect to ask a question about a period of time up to now.
How long have you lived here?
How long have you known your best friend?
- We use **for** to introduce the length of time something lasted.
for ten years, for a long time, for six weeks
- We use **since** to introduce when something began.
since six o'clock, since my birthday party, since last year
- When there is a verb after **since**, it is in the past simple.
I have known him since I was eleven, since I started school, since I arrived in Madrid.

1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 I went to Paris
- 2 I've been to France
 - a two years ago.
 - b twice in my life.
- 3 I've read two books
- 4 I read an interesting book
 - a last week.
 - b since the beginning of the month.
- 5 I've had a lot to eat
- 6 I ate a lot
 - a yesterday.
 - b so I won't eat any more.

2 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 I hope you're all hungry. *I've made / I made* a big paella and a salad.
- 2 Emerald *has gone / went* to the cinema with her friends. I'm not sure when she'll be home.
- 3 Gary *has cooked / cooked* a fantastic meal last night. *I haven't met / didn't meet* anyone who can cook as well as he can.
- 4 I don't know why Toby *hasn't come / didn't come* to see me. *I've asked / I asked* him yesterday to come as soon as possible.
- 5 My friends *haven't enjoyed / didn't enjoy* the trip to the beach at the weekend because the wind *has been / was* so cold.

3 Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*.

- 1 I've supported Liverpool _____ I was at primary school. They've always been a great team, although they haven't won the cup _____ quite a long time.
- 2 We haven't eaten meat _____ five years. It was a bit difficult at first but we've all been very healthy _____ we became vegetarians.
- 3 They've only owned that car _____ about three months but they've had two accidents _____ they bought it.
- 4 I'm so tired! I've cycled ten kilometres _____ breakfast and I've had all this shopping in my backpack _____ most of the time.
- 5 My dad hasn't seen his parents _____ the beginning of the year. They've been in Australia _____ six months, visiting my aunt and her family.

4 Complete the text. Use the present perfect or the past simple form of the verbs.

I ¹ _____ (be) a member of the swimming team for two months. I ² _____ (enjoy) swimming since I ³ _____ (be) small. Last year I ⁴ _____ (start) using the swimming pool at our local sports club and one day I ⁵ _____ (see) a notice about the team. The next week they were practising in the pool when I ⁶ _____ (arrive) and I ⁷ _____ (think) it looked like fun. We train twice a week. I ⁸ _____ (not miss) any training sessions, although sometimes it's hard to find the time. When I ⁹ _____ (have) exams last summer I almost ¹⁰ _____ (give) up. But I'm so pleased I ¹¹ _____ (not leave) because since then we ¹² _____ (enter) three competitions and we ¹³ _____ (have) a lot of fun together. Unfortunately, we ¹⁴ _____ (not win) any prizes for quite a long time.

5 Write *for* or *since* for these time phrases.

three weeks this morning a long time
2018 Monday a few years
four o'clock midday

for

since

6 Complete the sentences about you.

- 0 I 've been (be) at this school for three years
- 1 I _____ (not miss) a lesson since _____.
- 2 We _____ (be) in this classroom for _____.
- 3 I _____ (not eat) anything since _____.
- 4 Our teacher _____ (work) here for _____.
- 5 I _____ (not do) an exam since _____.
- 6 I _____ (live) in this town for _____.

7 Correct the mistake in each sentence.



- 1 Yesterday I have left my phone at your house.
- 2 Hi! I didn't see you for a long time.
- 3 I know her since 2010.
- 4 On my last birthday I've got a lot of presents from my friends.
- 5 Have you ever visit London?
- 6 Two weeks ago I've watched a tennis match.

8 In pairs, ask questions with *How long ...?* Answer them with *for* or *since*.

0 you / know / your best friend?

A: *How long have you known your best friend?*

B: *I've known my best friend for ...*

1 you / have / your phone?

I've had my phone for / since ...

2 you / be / in this class?

I've been in this class for / since

3 you / live / in your home?

I've lived in my home for / since ...

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How long? and for/since**

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- Frank _____ in a restaurant since he was 18 years old. (work)
- I _____ sushi many times. (eat)
- Mum _____ an amazing meal for my birthday tomorrow. (prepare)
- Anja _____ me to her party night next week. (not invite)
- My mum _____ Chinese food for the first time last week – it was delicious! (cook)
- Perry and Max really _____ the food at Café Domu last night. They thought it was disgusting! (not like)
- How long _____ Uncle Tim _____ in New York? (live)
- I _____ spicy curry for about ten years. (love)
- Mum and Dad _____ with Auntie Betty when they were in London last week. (stay)
- _____ you _____ this new pasta meal? It's so tasty! (try)

2 Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*.

- The new chef has been there _____ about three months now.
- Christine has cooked the family's Sunday lunch _____ she was 12 years old.
- Pete has known his best friend, Joe, _____ he joined the club.
- I've had this apple in my bag _____ ages. I need to eat it quick!
- The boys have been waiting here _____ 20 minutes.
- I haven't been to my favourite restaurant _____ my last birthday.
- I've known my best friend _____ five years.
- We haven't had pasta for dinner _____ last month.
- My aunt has been in India _____ three months.
- I haven't had a really tasty burger _____ the one I had in New Orleans last year.

3 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

A Bassington restaurant owner was surprised on Saturday when the famous chef Zaza Gabon ¹ _____ (walk) in for dinner. Bruno Aires, the owner, ² _____ (say), 'She ³ _____ (come) in at about 8 pm with another lady who I ⁴ _____ (see) around Bassington quite often. They ⁵ _____ (eat) fish and chips.' Zaza Gabon ⁶ _____ (write) many cook books and ⁷ _____ (appear) on TV shows. She ⁸ _____ (live) in South Africa for the first 20 years of her life until she ⁹ _____ (meet) the film star Josh Henderson. They ¹⁰ _____ (live) in the UK since 2012.