

Present Perfect vs Past Simple

Present Perfect Simple	Past Simple
Unfinished actions that started in the past and continue to the present	Finished actions
A finished action in someone's life (when the person is still alive: life experience)	A finished action in someone's life (when the person is dead)
A finished action with a result in the present	A finished action with no result in the present
With an unfinished time word (this week, this month, today)	With a finished time word (last week, last month, yesterday)

Use simple Past or Present Perfect:

-Helen ever (try) sushi?
- you (go) to the wedding last night?
- I never(be) to Paris.
- This year I (travel) to Athens 3 times so far.
- Paul and Judith(be) married since 1998.
- you(finish) your homework yet?
- Last night aunt Betty(come) by. She(tell) us that this summer they are going to Hawaii.
- I(visit) many different countries so far. Last summer I(go) to Italy and 3 years ago I(be) in Spain. I(not/visit) Germany yet.
- Whenyou(come) to Greece?
- I.....(come) in 2007.
-you(watch) the film E.T. yesterday?
- They..... already(leave) the train station.
- How long you(know) Jonathan?
- I (meet) him in 2009, so I(know) him for 3 years.
- What(happen) to Lucy last night?
- you (read) "Harry Potter" when you were on holidays?