
Present Perfect & Simple Past

Choose the correct tense (Present Perfect or Simple Past).

1. My brother *has had* / *had* a fight with his neighbour last week.
2. I *have often dreamt* / *often dreamt* of having a million dollars.
3. 'Do you know Canada?' – 'No, *I've never been* / *I never went* there.'
4. I *haven't liked* / *didn't like* grammar when I was in the third class, but I'm very interested in it now.
5. When we were small, Mother *has made* / *made* us delicious ice cream every Sunday.
6. '*Have you ever broken* / *Did you ever break* your ankle?' – 'Yes, I *have* / *did*.' – 'When *have you done* / *did you do* it?'

Look at the time expressions. Which can be used with simple past (finished time) and with present perfect?

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| • when I was a student | • today |
| • lately | • never |
| • recently | • yesterday |
| • a few years ago | • in 1999 |
| • last week | • this week |

Simple Past	Present Perfect

- a. Complete these sentences with a time expression from above, or one of your own. Choose the appropriate tense and try to make all the sentences true for you.

For example: a) I **met** a lot of interesting people when I was in Tokyo.

- a) I've **met** / **met** a lot of interesting people ...
- b) I **haven't been** / **didn't go** to the beach ...
- c) I've **bought/bought** a great CD ...
- d) I've **spent** / **spent** too much money ...
- e) I **haven't seen** / **didn't see** any good films ...
- f) I've **done** / **did** a lot of silly things ...