

Present Perfect or Past Simple

<u>Past simple</u> (pretérito perfecto simple)	<u>Present perfect</u> (pretérito perfecto compuesto)
Acción acabada They cut down trees to build this skyscraper.	Acción pasada con consecuencias presentes They have cut down trees to build a skyscraper.
Fecha concreta He flew a balloon in London in 2003	Sin fecha He has flown balloons before.
yesterday, last summer (week, month,...), ten years (weeks, days, minutes,...) ago The family ate one hour ago.	this morning (year, month,...) just, since, for, ever, never, yet, already The cat has just eaten the bird.
Se sobreentiende el pasado lejano. Elvis wrote a lot of songs.	

Simple Past vs. Present Perfect

"I saw the movie yesterday."

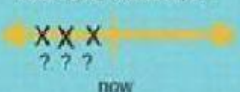


Specific time

One-time event in the past



"I have seen the movie three times."



Unspecified time

Repeated action in the past

