



Simple Past vs. Present Perfect



PAST SIMPLE

Specific times in the past

yesterday, five minutes ago, in 2000, the other day, last month

Examples:

I went to the park yesterday.
I studied in China in 2010.

PRESENT PERFECT

Vague times in the past

ever/never, not yet, already, so far, to date, till now, up to the present

Examples:

I've never gone to the park.
I haven't been to China yet.

Complete the following conversations using the simple past or the present perfect correctly.

1. A: When _____ your son _____ (buy) his car?
B: He bought it after he _____ (pass) his driving test.
2. A: How much _____ you _____ (borrow) from your sister yesterday?
B: About \$100, but I _____ already _____ (spend) it all! ☺
3. A: _____ you _____ (find) a new house yet?
B: Yes, but the bank _____ (not agree) to give me a mortgage yet!
4. A: _____ you ever _____ (lend) any money to a friend?
B: Only once to my boyfriend when he _____ (need) a new phone.
5. A: _____ your mother _____ (make) an appointment with the doctor yet?
B: Yes, she _____. She _____ (call) him yesterday and she's seeing him tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

“A” or “B”? Read the sentences carefully and decide which the correct option is. Type “A” or “B” in the blanks.

1. I _____ any money to the bank in my life.
A) have never owed **B)** never owed
2. They _____ too much for our meal last night.
A) have charged us **B)** charged
3. I know some cheap places to stay in Seoul. I _____ there a few times in my life.
A) have been **B)** was
4. Paul _____ anything from his grandma when she died.
A) has taken **B)** took

A) hasn't inherited

B) didn't inherit