

## Present Perfect or Past Simple?

**Definition and use: Write down the name of each tense.**

1. We use \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about finished events in the past.

We use these time expressions: yesterday, 2 days ago, last year, in 2010.

We also use this tense when we ask or answer questions with 'When'.

*We **started** our company in 2017.*

2. We use \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about very recent past experiences (with JUST/RECENTLY); past events at a unspecified time (EVER/NEVER) or events that started in the past and are connected to the present (FOR/SINCE/ALL MY LIFE). We use this tense with 'How long'.

*We've **been** on the market for 15 years.*

**Task: Put the verb in the correct form in the Present Perfect or the Past Simple**

A: How long .....<sup>1</sup> (*your offices / be*) in this area?

B: Since April 2007.

A: Where .....<sup>2</sup> (*you / be*) before that?

B: In the city centre. But the rent .....<sup>3</sup> (*be*) outrageously expensive, so we .....<sup>4</sup> (*decide*) to relocate to the suburbs.

A: And .....<sup>5</sup> (*you / ever / regret*) your decision?

B: Frankly, we .....<sup>6</sup> (*be*) slightly worried about all the changes in the first couple of months, but we .....<sup>7</sup> (*soon / realise*) that it was the right move. This part of town is extremely attractive, and in fact, it .....<sup>8</sup> (*develop*) enormously over the last two or three years.