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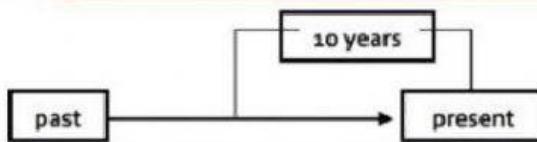
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PRESENT PERFECT QUESTIONS ; PRESENT PERFECT VS PAST SIMPLE

The PRESENT PERFECT always connects the past and the present.

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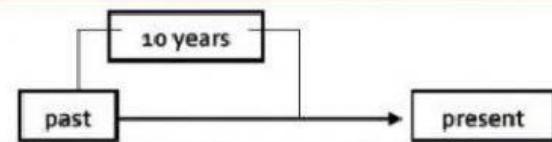
- **UNFINISHED ACTIONS** (these started in the past and continue up to the present)



- *I have lived* in London for 10 years. (= I still live in London now.)

The PAST SIMPLE tells us only about the past.

- **FINISHED ACTIONS** (for something that started in the past and finished in the past)



- *I lived* in Manchester for 10 years. (= I do not live in Manchester now.)

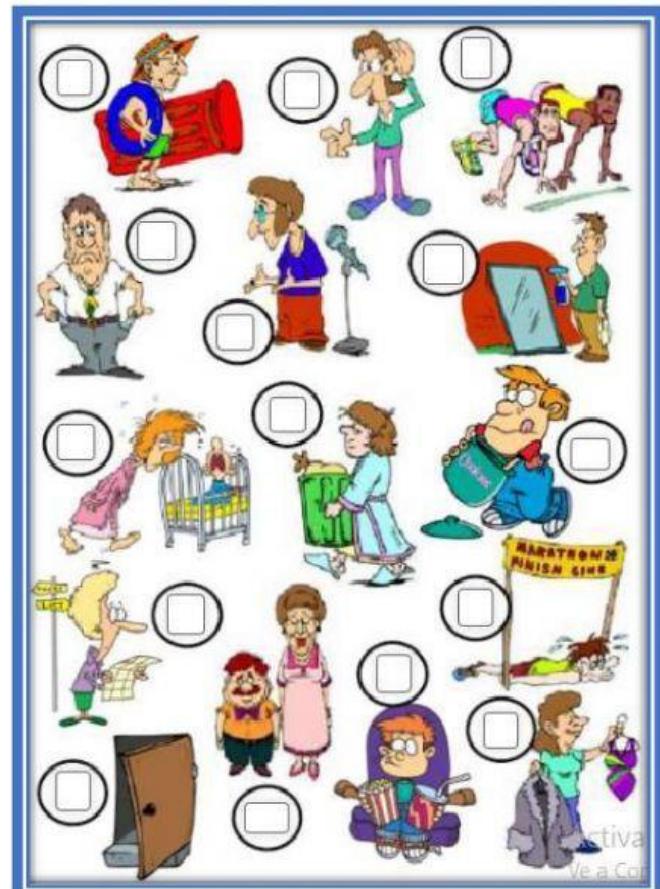
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- **INDEFINITE ACTIONS**: with no time reference or references to recent time - these put **emphasis on the action** and usually have a **result in the present**.

- **DEFINITE ACTION**: we use a definite past time, like **yesterday, 5 days ago, last month....** to say or imply **WHEN** something happened.

1. Complete the blanks either with the PRESENT PERFECT or PAST SIMPLE and match them with the pictures.

- She _____ (not sleep) much lately.
- The race _____ (not started) yet.
- Billy _____ (see) a great movie on Saturday.
- I _____ (spend) all my money and now I'm broke.
- _____ you _____ (close) the door when we left?
- He _____ (eat) all the cookies.
- We _____ (be) married since 1960.
- When _____ Joe _____ (go) to the beach?
- I _____ (take) the garbage out late last night.
- She _____ (not decide) yet what to pack.
- He _____ (hear) a strange noise yesterday.
- I _____ (not win) the race, did I?
- _____ you ever _____ (get) lost?
- He _____ just _____ (clean) the window.
- He _____ (not know) what to sing a week ago.



2. Write sentences using the present perfect. Use the prompts.

a) How long / you / live here?

b) They / celebrate this day/ for hundreds of years

c) I / not see them / last Tuesday

d) We / see / the firework display

e) I / eat / pancakes

f) You / ever / hear / reggae music?

g) He / finish that book / yet?

h) I / make / some baked potatoes to eat

3. Make up questions in the present perfect and answer them!

Example: HAVE YOU SEEN (you, see) him? Yes, I HAVE

a) _____ (he, arrive) in town? No, he _____.

b) _____ (you, wear) that dress yet? Of course, I _____.

c) _____ (the party, start) yet? Yes, it _____.

d) _____ (they, talk) to her? Yes, they _____.

e) _____ (the bus, leave)? Yes, it _____.

f) _____ (Mum, wake) the twins up? No, she _____.

g) _____ (we, meet) before? Yes, we _____.

h) _____ (the teacher, forget) my name? No, she _____ of course!

i) _____ (you, find) your glasses? Yes, I _____.

j) _____ (Tim, go) out? No, he _____.