

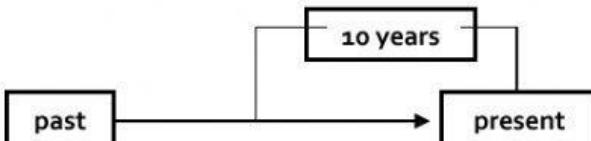
PRESENT PERFECT vs PAST SIMPLE

The PRESENT PERFECT always connects the past and the present.

The PAST SIMPLE tells us only about the past.

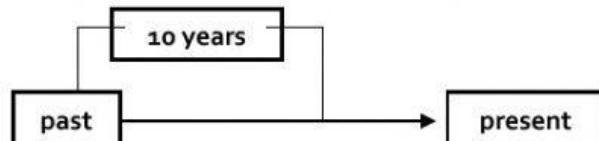
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- **UNFINISHED ACTIONS** (these started in the past and continue up to the present)



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

- **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**.

• *I have lost* my wallet. (= this means very recently and puts the emphasis on the action)

• *He has just left* the office. (= this action is completed and has a result in the present – probably he is on his way home now)

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

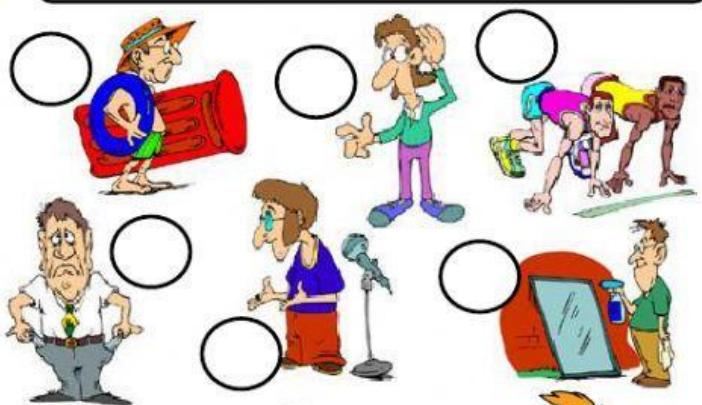
1. She _____ (not sleep) much lately.

• *I lost* my wallet yesterday. (= here I want to stress when the action happened)

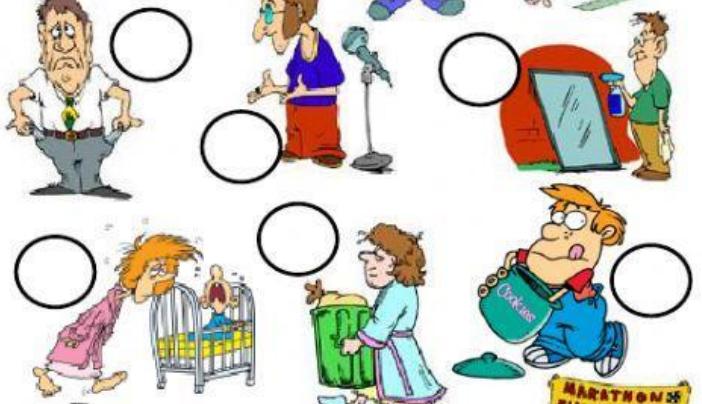
2. The race _____ (not start) yet.

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

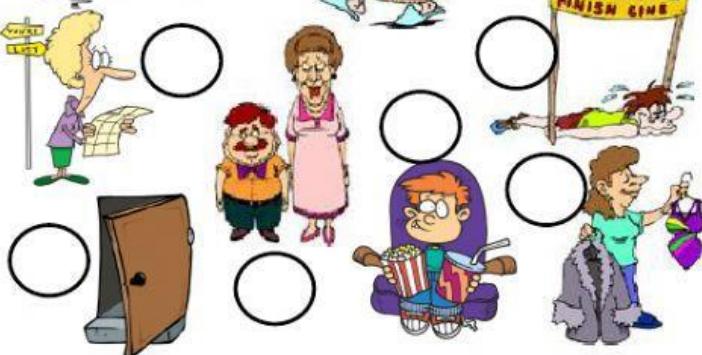
3. Billy _____ (see) a great movie on Saturday.



4. I _____ (spend) all my money and now I'm broke.



5. _____ you _____ (close) the door when we left?



6. He _____ (eat) all the cookies.

7. We _____ (be) married since 1960.

8. When _____ Joe _____ (go) to the beach?

9. I _____ (take) the garbage out late last night.

10. She still _____ (not decide) what to pack.

11. He _____ (hear) a strange noise yesterday.

12. I _____ (not win) the race, did I?

13. _____ you ever _____ (get) lost?

14. He _____ just _____ (clean) the window.

15. He _____ (not know) what to sing a week ago.