

PRESENT PERFECT VS PAST SIMPLE – EXERCISES

1 MAKE COMPLETE SENTENCES USING THE WORDS BELOW. USE THE PRESENT PERFECT.

- 1) I/already/do/the shopping. _____
- 2) You/see/Woody Allen's new film/yet? _____
- 3) Beatrice/be/Madrid/twice. _____
- 4) Sue/never/try/bowling. _____
- 5) We/have/ two meetings/this morning. _____
- 6) The bus/just/arrive. _____
- 7) We/never/see/ this film/before. _____
- 8) You/ever/be/New York? _____
- 9) Simon/not take/his driving test/yet. _____

2 PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE CORRECT FORM OF THE PAST SIMPLE. THEN CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- 1) It _____ (be) the flightless bird from Mauritius. The Dodo
- 2) He _____ (paint) the Starry Night. Vincent Van Gogh
- 3) He _____ (write) Oliver Twist. Charles Dickens
- 4) He _____ (create) the cartoon character Mickey Mouse. Walt Disney
- 5) They _____ (be) the rulers of ancient Egypt. The Pharaohs
- 6) He _____ (invent) the television. John Logie Baird
- 7) He _____ (score) two goals in the 2006 World Cup. Ronaldo
- 8) She _____ (win) the gold medal in tennis at the Beijing Olympics in 2008. Elena Dementieva
- 9) It _____ (sink) in the Atlantic Ocean in 1912. The Titanic

The Dodo	The Titanic	The Pharaohs	Elena Dementieva	Walt Disney
John Logie Baird	Ronaldo	Charles Dickens	Vincent Van Gogh	

3 PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE PAST SIMPLE OR THE PRESENT PERFECT.

- 1) A: _____ (you/see) Mandy?
B: Actually, she _____ (leave) five minutes ago.
- 2) A: _____ (you/speak) to David yet?
B: Yes, I _____ (already/see) him.
- 3) A: Do you like Thai cuisine?
B: I'm not sure. I _____ (never/try) it.
- 4) A: Where _____ (you/go) on holiday this summer?
B: I _____ (go) to Cyprus. _____ (you/ever/be) there?
- 5) A: When _____ (Albert Einstein/die)?
B: In 1955.
- 6) A: Do we need to go to the supermarket?
B: No, we don't. I _____ (already/do) the shopping for the week.

4 PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE PAST SIMPLE OR THE PRESENT PERFECT.

A: Hi, Simon. I 1) _____ (not see) you in ages. How are you?
B: Hi, Laura! I'm fine, but I 2) _____ (be) very busy recently, I 3) _____ (get) my degree last week and also I 4) _____ (move) house.
A: Really! What day 5) _____ (you/move)?
B: Last Thursday. But we 6) _____ (not unpack) everything yet!
A: Oh, that explains it then. I 7) _____ (call) you on Friday, but there 8) _____ (be) no answer.
B: Yes, I 9) _____ (be) at the new flat unpacking. How are you doing?
A: Well, I 10) _____ (not graduate) yet, but I 11) _____ (just/find) a part-time job!
B: That's great. Well done.
A: I actually 12) _____ (send) you an email a couple of days ago telling you about it.
B: I'm sorry, Laura. I 13) _____ (not/check) my email for few days.
A: Don't worry about it!