

PAST SIMPLE vs PRESENT PERFECT

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COMPLETE THIS SHORT BUSINESS BRIEF ABOUT VIETNAM USING THE PAST SIMPLE OR THE PRESENT PERFECT FORMS OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS.

Vietnam _____ (go) through many changes in its history and _____ (experience) many economic changes recently. It is currently experiencing an economic boom. In 1986, the government _____ (introduce) economic reforms or doi moi (doi meaning change and moi new). The reforms _____ (permit) the setting up of free market enterprises and _____ (abolish) the practice of collective farming. However, agriculture remains the most important part of the economy. Vietnam _____ (recently/become) the second largest producer of rice in the world after Thailand. The industrial sector _____ (show) dramatic improvement and expansion as well. In 1993, the World Bank _____ (declare) 58% of the population to be living in poverty. By 2005, this figure was less than 20%. Vietnam _____ (also/make) great strides on the international stage in the last decade or so. It _____ (become) a full member of ASEAN in 1995, and of the WTO in 2006. The effects of this new-found prosperity can be seen everywhere. Large, glitzy malls _____ (appear) in major cities, while streets once filled with bicycles are now overflowing with locally produced Japanese, Korean and Chinese motorbikes and cars. Business visitors wishing to relax in a more traditional Vietnamese town should visit Hoi An. Hoi An _____ (be) a major Asian trading port in the 17th and 18th centuries, and its picturesque architecture and relaxed lifestyle _____ (change) little over the years.