

UNIT 6  
GRAMMAR

# Past Simple VS Present Perfect

## Definite, finished time

1. We lived there from 2015 till 2019.
2. I ate 10 cakes last week.

## Series of finished actions in the past

I came there, bought that book and started reading it.

## Repeated actions

She went to the cinema every weekend last year.

## No connection to now

## When something happened is important

I saw the Eiffel Tower in 2010.

## Indefinite, unfinished time

1. I've worked as a teacher.
2. I've eaten 10 cakes this week.

## Experiences, achievements and accomplishments

Have you ever read that book?

## Result

She has already watched this movie 5 times.



## Connection to now

## When something happened is not important

I have seen the Eiffel Tower.

1 Underline the correct tense.

- a I've never been / never went to Australia.
- b I haven't done / didn't do my homework last night.
- c My parents haven't called / didn't call me recently.
- d I've never eaten / didn't eat sushi.
- e I've been / went skiing last winter.
- f I've had / had a bicycle when I was a child.

**2 Complete the table with the time expressions in the box.**

a few minutes ago    in 2015    in the last two weeks  
last week    never    over the years    recently  
this week    today    when I was a student    years ago

"Finished" time	Time "up to now"
a few minutes ago	in the last two weeks

**3 Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.**

- A How many different jobs has she had (she had)?
- B She \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lots of different jobs in her life.
- C \_\_\_\_\_ (you ever work) in a factory?
- D No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (never be) in a bakery.
- E What's the worst meal you \_\_\_\_\_ (ever eat)?
- F I \_\_\_\_\_ (like) most of my jobs and I like this one, too.
- G Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (always want) to be a ballet dancer.

**4 Write questions for the answers below.**

- a** Have you ever been on TV?  
No, I've never been on TV.
- b** \_\_\_\_\_  
No, I've never worked as an au pair.
- c** \_\_\_\_\_  
No, my parents have never forgotten my birthday.
- d** \_\_\_\_\_  
No, my teacher has never made a joke in class.
- e** \_\_\_\_\_  
No, I've never seen a ballet.
- f** \_\_\_\_\_  
No, I've never voted in a political election.
- g** \_\_\_\_\_  
No, I've never ridden a motorcycle.



**5 Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct form. Use the simple past or the present perfect.**

I (1) have had (have) lots of horrible jobs in my life, but the worst job I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (ever have) was selling hot dogs. I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (start) the job at the beginning of last summer because I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (need) some money to buy a car. It was the biggest mistake I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (ever make) in my life. I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) the smell of the hot dogs and, on the first day, I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) sick. The weather (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really bad and I only (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) two or three. At the end of the day, the boss (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (say) to me, "You (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (no sell) enough!" The next morning, I (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to stay in bed.

**6 Underline the correct time expression.**

- a I learned to drive ever / in my life / when I was eighteen.
- b I haven't been to the movies a few weeks ago / last week / this week.
- c I bought a beautiful dress in my life / over the years / yesterday.
- d I didn't go to the beach at all last summer / over the years / recently.
- e I've been to a few good restaurants last Friday / recently / years ago.
- f I've spent way too much money last night / today / yesterday.
- g I've done a lot of silly things in 2017 / a few moments ago / over the years.

**7 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.**

a break	<del>a day</del>	a decision
a living	money	a part-time job
permission	two weeks	

- a I'm going to have a day off tomorrow and go for a long walk.
- b I asked my boss for \_\_\_\_\_ to leave work early.
- c I need to make \_\_\_\_\_ about my future.
- d I think I'll take \_\_\_\_\_ now and finish the work later.
- e I usually have \_\_\_\_\_ off in the summer and go on vacation with my family.
- f I'd like to make \_\_\_\_\_ as a model.
- g I'm hoping to find \_\_\_\_\_ in the evenings and on the weekends.
- h The job isn't well-paid and I don't make much \_\_\_\_\_.

**8 Complete the sentences with an appropriate verb.**

- a It's extremely difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ a well-paid job.
- b Every morning, they \_\_\_\_\_ a fifteen-minute coffee-break.
- c He only wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ a nap, but he slept for three hours.
- d In some countries, men can \_\_\_\_\_ some time off when their wife has a baby.
- e Is it really possible to \_\_\_\_\_ a living as a snowboarder?
- f The factory is closing and she's going to \_\_\_\_\_ her job.
- g Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ your parents for their advice?
- h You can \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money as a sales person, but you have to be good.