

Present Perfect vs. Past Simple

Read the following texts.



In 1930 Roger Appeldorn (1) **invented** the overhead projector. By the late 1950s, overhead projectors (2) **made** it into schools, where they (3) **have gone** into serious decline since the arrival of the computer.

László Biro (4) **invented** the modern ballpoint pen in 1938. Since then the pen (5) **has changed** the way people write.



Jerry Merryman (6) **developed** the first pocket-sized electronic calculator to use an LED display in 1971. Microsoft Windows (7) **has upgraded** the calculator several times over the last decades.

1. Identify the tenses in bold. Which verb forms describe the following actions? Write the numbers.

→ an action that happened at a **definite** time in the past? _____

→ an action that happened at an **unstated** time in the past? _____

2. Read the information about the different uses of the Present Perfect and the Past Simple. Then match each use to its example. Draw the →

We use the **Past Simple** for finished actions that happened at a definite time in the past. ●

The English teacher has just shared a QR Code with her class. ●

The **Present Perfect** describes an action that happened in the past, but that is related to something in the present/that produces a visible result or effect in the present. ●

I have accomplished assignments through Google Classroom since 2020. ●

The **Present Perfect** describes an action that started in the past and continues up to the present. ●

Have you done your homework? Yes, I have.
Now I understand the short story. ●

We use the **Present Perfect** to talk about life experiences. ●

We switched to remote learning in march 2020. ●

We use the **Present Perfect** to refer to recent events or states. ●

I have never worked with Padlet. ●

3. Now enjoy this video and revise the rules.

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