

Present Perfect vs Past Simple

Past Simple (Aux: 🚫 🟢 DID + Verb INF)

FORM: Verb (Past) = 2nd column (irregular)
Verb -ED (regular)

USE: to talk about finished things in a finished past time.

KEYWORDS: Yesterday, last night, in 2012, three weeks ago, when...

Present Perfect (Aux: 🟡 🚫 🟢 HAVE/HAS)

FORM: I, you, we, they + HAVE + Past Part.
he, she, it + HAS + Past Participle

USE: to talk about things from the past related to the present or not specifying when they happened.

KEYWORDS: ever/never, for, since, yet, ...

ACTIVITY 1:

Choose the correct answer (past simple or present perfect):

Example: You (~~didn't tell~~ / **haven't told**) me about your trek yet!

1. I (sold / have sold) my skiing equipment yesterday.
2. We (didn't visit / haven't visited) our friends in Brazil for two years.
3. They (made / have made) that film in 2013.
4. Claire (won / has won) the race last week.
5. Sophie (didn't learn / hasn't learned) how to ride a motorbike yet.
6. Leo (lost / has lost) his helmet a week ago.
7. My best friend (just came / has just come back) from a trip.
8. We (didn't drink / haven't drunk) enough water yesterday.
9. Lucy (never flew / has never flown) before.
10. My cousin (didn't teach / hasn't taught) me to dive last year.

ACTIVITY 2:

Complete the sentences with the right form of the PAST SIMPLE or PRESENT PERFECT of the verbs in brackets:

Example: How long have you studied (you/study) English?

1. I _____ (not see) Anna for a long time.
2. They _____ (go) to Venice three years ago.
3. Dave _____ (lose) his wallet on Sunday, and he _____ (not find) it.
4. _____ (you/ever be) to Paris?
5. We _____ (live) in this house for five years and we're very happy here.
6. He _____ (meet) Sally at the supermarket last week.
7. _____ (you/see) a good film lately?
8. Before they _____ (buy) the car, they _____ (think) about it very carefully.
9. _____ (you/feed) the cat yet?
10. The last time I _____ (play) tennis was four years ago.
11. What _____ (you/do) yesterday?