

## Present Perfect vs. Simple Past

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We use the present perfect to describe events that happened in the past and that are still true today. We use **have/has + past participle**.

I **have won** a silver medal,  
but I **haven't won** a gold medal.



We use the past simple to describe events that happened at a specific moment in the past.

When **did** you **win** the silver medal?

I **won** the silver medal **last month**.

**Activity 1:** Write the simple past and the past participle forms of these verbs.

#### Irregular verbs

- |         |                 |             |
|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. be   | <u>was/were</u> | <u>been</u> |
| 2. see  | _____           | _____       |
| 3. make | _____           | _____       |
| 4. eat  | _____           | _____       |

#### Regular verbs

- |           |       |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| 5. travel | _____ | _____ |
| 6. live   | _____ | _____ |
| 7. climb  | _____ | _____ |
| 8. visit  | _____ | _____ |

**Activity 2:** Use the clues to write sentences in the present perfect or past simple

Journalist and traveler, Sheena Willis, has done many things in her exciting life.

1. (meet several kings and queens)

She has met several kings and queens.

2. (have dinner with King Letsie III of Lesotho last night)

3. (climb five tall mountains)

4. (climb Mount Everest last year)

5. (live in different countries)

6. (live in a tree house in Borneo in 2012)

**Activity 3:** Read this mail and choose the correct option

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Hi, Larry,

Guess what? I visited / *have visited* my neighbor Sheena last night. She *said* / *say* good-bye to me because she is going on a trip to Asia. Sheena has traveled around the world. Last year she *climbed* / *has climbed* to the top of Mount Everest. Two months ago she *made* / *has made* a trip to the Caribbean; she explored the ocean there. She *flew* / *has flown* a plane, too. She *didn't go* / *hasn't been* to the moon, but she is planning to do that soon! Do you have a cool neighbor like Sheena?

Your friend,

Marilyn