

# Present Perfect Simple vs Past Simple

## A. PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE OR PAST SIMPLE.

1. I don't know where Lisa is. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / see) her?
2. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home last night, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very tired and I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) straight to bed.
3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / finish) painting the bedroom? B: Not yet. I'll finish it tomorrow.
4. George \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) very well last week.
5. Mr Clark \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then he gave it up.
6. Molly lives in Dublin. She \_\_\_\_\_ (live) there all her life.
7. A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) to the cinema last night?  
B: Yes, but it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a mistake. The film \_\_\_\_\_ (be) awful.
8. My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ (die) before I was born. I \_\_\_\_\_ (never / meet) him.
9. I don't know Carol's husband. I \_\_\_\_\_ (never / meet) him.
10. A: Is Martin here? – B: No, he \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.  
A: When exactly \_\_\_\_\_ (he / go) out? – B: About ten minutes ago.
11. A: Where do you live? – B: In Boston.  
A: How long \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) there? – B: Five years.  
A: Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) before that? – B: In Chicago.  
A: And how long \_\_\_\_\_ (you / live) in Chicago? – B: Two years.

## B. THE PAST SIMPLE OR THE PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE. Use your lovely little notebooks.

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| 1. it / not / rain / this week                | 10. the police / arrest / three criminals / yesterday      |
| 2. the weather / be / cold / recently         | 11. They / not / find / the fourth one / yet               |
| 3. it / cold / last week                      | 12. Einstein / develop / the theory of relativity          |
| 4. I / not / read / the newspaper / yesterday | 13. I / lose / my key                                      |
| 5. I / not / read / the newspaper / today     | 14. our car / just / break down                            |
| 6. Emily / earn / a lot of money / this year  | 15. it / break down / last week too                        |
| 7. she / not / earn / so much / last year     | 16. Peter / not see / Bob / yet, / but he / see / his wife |
| 8. you / have / a holiday / recently?????     | / yesterday  |
| 9. I / forget / most of my German / so far    |  |