

## Present Perfect Simple – Present Perfect Continuous – Past Simple

**Present perfect Simple:** I have travelled / Have you travelled? / I haven't travelled

**Present Perfect Continuous:** I have been travelling / have you been travelling? / I haven't been travelling

**Past Simple:** I travelled / Did you travel? / I didn't travel

### Time Expressions

**Present Perfect:** always, never, ever, just, yet, for, since, before, This is the first time (this month/year...),

**Present Perfect Continuous:** for, since, all this time/all these years/all these months...

**Past Simple:** yesterday, when, ago, in 2000, last, that day

#### 4 Choose the correct verbs to complete the pairs of sentences. Use Present Perfect Simple in one sentence and Past Simple in the other.

arrive | grow | start | ~~live~~ | know | write

- 1 James lived in a small flat when he was a student.  
I have lived in this house since I was very young child.
- 2 Tim ..... six chapters of his novel so far.  
Clare ..... her first short story when she was eight years old.
- 3 When ..... you ..... doing ballet?  
It's nine o'clock. .... the news programme ..... yet?
- 4 The taxi that you ordered ..... – it's outside.  
What time ..... you ..... home last night?
- 5 Sue ..... Julie for more than 10 years.  
I ..... all the answers to the questions on last night's quiz show.
- 6 John ..... more than five centimetres this year. He is very tall now!  
The tree outside my window ..... so high we had to cut it down.

#### 5 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 So far / How long / When has Nikos been living in Thessaloniki?
- 2 I haven't had a holiday for / since / before ages.
- 3 Beth hasn't made up her mind about university ever / yet / already.
- 4 It's too bad you missed the party just / lately / last night. We had a great time!
- 5 Have you before / ever / never tried windsurfing? I've heard it's really difficult.
- 6 George has been practising the guitar a lot last week / always / recently because the concert is next week.
- 7 Vicky stood at the bus stop a long time ago / for a long time / how long but then she gave up and took a taxi instead.

**6** Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs given. Use **Present Perfect Simple**, **Present Perfect Continuous** or **Past Simple**.

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- 1 Why is your face red? **Have you been sitting** (you / sit) in the sun?  
..... (you / forget) to put sunscreen on?
- 2 Danny isn't home. He ..... (go) to football practice. I think he  
..... (say) he would be back at 6.30.
- 3 ..... you ..... (notice) anything different  
about Andrew lately? I think he ..... (act) a bit strangely.
- 4 Mozart ..... (compose) many amazing pieces of music. I  
..... (learn) to play a short piece on the piano, but it's really difficult and  
I ..... (not manage) to get it right yet.
- 5 I ..... (not / see) my friend Maria for nearly a year. Her family  
..... (move) to Germany last summer and since then, we  
..... (keep) in touch with messages and video chat, but it's not the same.
- 6 My neighbourhood ..... (change) recently. A huge new park  
..... (open) a couple of months ago, and since then, it  
..... (become) much busier than it used to be.
- 7 I ..... (look) for my keys for an hour but I  
..... (not find) them yet. Maybe I ..... (drop)  
them as I was getting out of the car.
- 8 The actors need a rest because they ..... (film) the same scene for over  
three hours. The director ..... (just / tell) them to start again.

**7** Circle the correct answer.

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## WELCOME TO NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL!

"Hi, everyone! I'm reporting live from the Notting Hill Carnival, here in West London. Today is the first day of the carnival and for the last hour, a parade (1) **has taken** / **has been taking** place along the streets of Notting Hill. Traditional Caribbean music (2) **has played** / **has been playing** since the festival (3) **opened** / **has opened** at six o'clock this morning. A great band (4) **has just started** / **has just been starting** playing, and everywhere I look, I can see people dancing. The atmosphere here is fantastic! The sun (5) **shone** / **has been shining** all morning! I (6) **reported** / **have been reporting** from this carnival for years, and this is the first time the weather (7) **was** / **has been** so good! Since the festival first (8) **began** / **has begun** in 1964, it (9) **became** / **has become** really popular. About 500 people (10) **came** / **have come** to the first Notting Hill Carnival, but today the event attracts over a million visitors each year! They come for the music, the parade and the amazing street food."

- 1 This is the healthiest meal I \_\_\_\_ this week!
  - a am eating
  - b ate
  - c have eaten
  - d have been eating
- 2 Pete \_\_\_\_ for his phone all morning but he still hasn't found it.
  - a looked
  - b is looking
  - c has looked
  - d has been looking
- 3 I haven't missed an episode of this TV series since it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a starts
  - b started
  - c has started
  - d has been starting
- 4 Donna is angry with James. She \_\_\_\_ him since Saturday.
  - a hasn't been calling
  - b wasn't calling
  - c didn't call
  - d hasn't called
- 5 "Do you want to stop here?"  
"Yes. I \_\_\_\_ for hours and I'm tired."
  - a am driving
  - b have been driving
  - c drove
  - d was driving
- 6 \_\_\_\_ competed in a marathon?
  - a You ever have
  - b Did ever you
  - c Did you ever
  - d Have you ever
- 7 "I've just received a text from Joseph."  
"How is he? I haven't seen him \_\_\_\_."
  - a lately
  - b so far
  - c already
  - d just
- 8 "\_\_\_\_ a cake?"  
"Yes. It will be ready soon."
  - a You have made
  - b You have been making
  - c Have you made
  - d Has it made
- 9 "How long have you been living in Athens?"  
"Two years. Before that, I \_\_\_\_ in Milan for a year."
  - a lived
  - b have lived
  - c been living
  - d have been living
- 10 Josh has already travelled abroad twice \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a recently
  - b never
  - c this year
  - d last summer
- 11 How long \_\_\_\_ Emily?
  - a you know
  - b have you known
  - c have you been knowing
  - d you knew
- 12 This is the second time \_\_\_\_ a party at my house.
  - a I had
  - b I've had
  - c I haven't had
  - d did I have

- 1 Natasha's eyes are red because she **has been crying** / has cried. She is upset because she **has been arguing** / has argued with her best friend all morning.
- 2 I'm afraid you **have been missing** / **have missed** Dan. He has just left / **has just been leaving** the building.
- 3 Anna **has lost** / **has been losing** her phone, so she **has gone** / **has been** to look for it.
- 4 I haven't seen / **haven't been seeing** Tony since April. I wonder what he **has done** / **has been doing** lately.
- 5 Andrew **has played** / **has been playing** his guitar all morning, so he **hasn't spoken** / **hasn't been speaking** to John yet.
- 6 Joe **has had** / **has been having** his own blog for about two months. I **have been reading** / **have read** four or five of his articles. They are very funny!

