

PRESENT PERFECT vs. PAST SIMPLE

1. She graduated/has graduated from Oxford University in 1985.
2. I never broke/have broken a promise in my life.
3. She didn't notice/hasn't noticed my new T-shirt yesterday.
4. I visited/have visited London twice.

STEPHEN HAWKING – a famous British scientist

Stephen Hawking was born in 1942 in Oxford, England. He studied/has studied Physics at Oxford University. After three years he received/has received a first class honours degree in Natural Sciences. Stephen Hawking worked/has worked on the basic laws which govern the universe. With Roger Penrose he showed/has shown that Einstein's General Theory of Relativity meant space and time would have a beginning in the Big Bang and an end in black holes. Hawking wrote/has written some popular books. His first bestseller *A Brief History of Time* came/has come out in 1988 and his last book, *The Grand Design*, in 2010. Stephen was/has been sick for most of his life. He was diagnosed with ALS, a disease which turned/has turned him into an invalid, soon after his 21st birthday. Although he can't move or speak (he uses a computer voice system to communicate) he had/has had a family and travelled/has travelled a lot all his life. He still hopes to make it into space one day.