

## Practice<sup>2</sup> with Present Perfect Tense

El presente perfecto suele ser difícil para los hispanohablantes porque a menudo sólo utilizan el pasado simple. Veamos las diferencias entre estos dos tiempos.

PAST SIMPLE vs PRESENT PERFECT	
past simple	In (a): I finished my work at a specific time in the past ( <i>two hours ago</i> ).
(a) I finished my work <i>two hours ago</i> .	In (b): I finished my work at an unspecified time in the past ( <i>sometime before now</i> ).
present perfect	Past simple expresses an activity that occurred at a specific time (or times) in the past, as in (a) and (c).
(b) I have <i>already</i> finished my work.	Present perfect expresses an activity that occurred at an unspecified time (or times) in the past, as in (b) and (d).
past simple	In (e): In the simple past, <i>for</i> expresses an activity that began and ended in the past.
(c) I was in Europe <i>last year / in 1999 / three years ago / when I was 10 years old</i> .	In (f): In present perfect, <i>for</i> or <i>since</i> express an activity that began in the past and continues to the present.
present perfect	
(d) I have been in Europe <i>many times / once / several times</i> . (no mention of time)	
past simple	
(e) Ann was in Miami <i>for two weeks</i> .	
present perfect	
(f) Bob has been in Miami <i>for two weeks / since May 1st</i> .	

Fíjate en el verbo en *cursiva*. ¿Es pasado simple o presente perfecto? Marque la casilla la casilla que indica si el verbo expresa algo que ocurrió en un momento concreto en el pasado o en un momento indeterminado del pasado.

SPECIFIED TIME IN THE PAST	UNSPECIFIED TIME IN THE PAST	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Ms. Parker <i>has been</i> in Tokyo many times. (→ present perfect)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Ms. Parker <i>was</i> in Tokyo last week. (→ simple past)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. I've <i>met</i> Ann's husband. He's a nice guy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. I <i>met</i> Ann's husband at a party last week.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Mr. White <i>was</i> in Rome three times last month.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Mr. White <i>has been</i> in Rome many times.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. I like to travel. I've <i>been</i> in more than thirty foreign countries.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. I <i>was</i> in Morocco in 2001.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Mary <i>has never been</i> in Morocco.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Mary <i>wasn't</i> in Morocco when I was there in 2001.

Completa las frases con las palabras entre paréntesis. Utiliza el presente perfecto o el pasado simple.

1. A: Have you ever been in Europe?

B: Yes, I have. I (be) have been in Europe several times.

In fact, I (be) was in Europe last year.

2. A: Are you going to finish your work before you go to bed?

B: I (finish, already\*) have already finished it. I (finish) finished my work two hours ago.

3. A: Have you ever eaten at Al's Steak House?  
B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ . I (*eat*) \_\_\_\_\_ there many times.  
In fact, my wife and I (*eat*) \_\_\_\_\_ there last night.
4. A: Do you and Erica want to go to the movie at the Palace Theater with us tonight?  
B: No thanks. We (*see, already*) \_\_\_\_\_ it. We  
(*see*) \_\_\_\_\_ it last week.
5. A: When are you going to write your report for Mr. Goldberg?  
B: I (*write, already*) \_\_\_\_\_ it. I (*write*)  
\_\_\_\_\_ it two days ago and gave it to him.
6. A: (*Antonio, have, ever*) \_\_\_\_\_ a job?  
B: Yes, he \_\_\_\_\_. He (*have*) \_\_\_\_\_ lots of  
part-time jobs. Last summer he (*have*) \_\_\_\_\_ a job at his  
uncle's waterbed store.
7. A: This is a good book. Would you like to read it when I'm finished?  
B: Thanks, but I (*read, already*) \_\_\_\_\_ it. I (*read*)  
\_\_\_\_\_ it a couple of months ago.
8. A: What European countries (*you, visit*) \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
B: I (*visit*) \_\_\_\_\_ Hungary, Germany, and Switzerland. I  
(*visit*) \_\_\_\_\_ Hungary in 1998. I (*be*) \_\_\_\_\_ in  
Germany and Switzerland in 2001.

Completa la frase "He estado aquí . . ." Utilice *since* o *for* con las expresiones dadas.

***I have been here . . .***

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| 1. <u>for</u> two months.  | 9. _____ the first of January.       |
| 2. <u>since</u> September. | 10. _____ almost four months.        |
| 3. _____ 1998.             | 11. _____ the beginning of the term. |
| 4. _____ last year.        | 12. _____ the semester started.      |
| 5. _____ two years.        | 13. _____ a couple of hours.         |
| 6. _____ last Friday.      | 14. _____ fifteen minutes.           |
| 7. _____ 9:30.             | 15. _____ yesterday.                 |
| 8. _____ three days.       | 16. _____ about five weeks.          |