

Present perfect vs. Past simple

a Complete the conversations with the present perfect form of the verb in brackets and an adverb from the list. You can use the adverbs more than once.

already ever just never yet

A Why are you smiling? B I've just found a €50 note! (find)
1 A _____ you _____ a flight online? (book)
B Yes, of course. I've done it loads of times.
2 A When are you going to buy a motorbike?
B Soon. I _____ nearly €1,000. (save)
3 A _____ you _____ the phone bill _____? (pay)
B No, sorry. I forgot.
4 A _____ your parents _____ you money? (lend)
B Yes, but I paid it back as soon as I could.
5 A How does eBay work?
B I don't know. I _____ it. (use)
6 A What are you celebrating?
B We _____ the lottery! (win)
7 A Why haven't you got any money?
B I _____ my salary. I bought a new phone last week. (spend)
8 A Would you like a coffee?
B No, thanks. I _____ one. (have)

c Read the conversation. Put the verbs in the present perfect or the past simple.



David I¹ haven't seen (see) those shoes before. Are they new?

Kate Yes, I² (just buy) them. Do you like them?

D They're OK. How much³ they _____ (cost)?

K Oh, not much. They⁴ (be) a bargain.

Under £100.

D You mean £99.99. That isn't cheap for a pair of shoes. Anyway, we can't afford to buy new clothes at the moment.

K Why not?

D⁵ you _____ (see) this?

K No. What is it?

D Our phone bill. It⁶ (arrive) this morning. And we⁷ (not pay) the house insurance yet.

K Well, what about the iPad you⁸ (buy) last week?

b Are the **bold** phrases right or wrong? Tick (✓) or cross (✗) them. Correct the wrong phrases.

I've never been in debt. (✓)

How much has your new camera cost? (✗)

How much did your new camera cost?

1 Dean has just inherited €5,000 from a relative.

2 Did your sister pay you back yet?

3 We booked our holiday online a month ago.

4 When have you bought that leather jacket?

5 They've finished paying back the loan last month.

6 We haven't paid the gas bill yet.

7 Have you ever wasted a lot of money on something?

8 I'm sure I haven't borrowed any money from you last week.

9 I spent my salary really quickly last month.

10 Have you seen the Batman film on TV yesterday?

D What about it?

K You⁹ (not need) a new one. The

old one¹⁰ (work) perfectly well.

D But I¹¹ (need) the new model.

K Well, I¹² (need) some new shoes.

d Do we use the present perfect (PP) or past simple (PS)...?

1 for a completed action in the past _____

2 for recent actions when we don't ask / say exactly when _____

3 in sentences with just, yet, and already _____

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