

Simple Past vs. Present Perfect

Which sentence is correct? Tick it.

- a) Ben **visited** his brother last week.
- b) Ben **has visited** his brother last week.

- a) The Berlin Wall **fell** in 1989.
- b) The Berlin Wall **has fallen** in 1989.

- a) I **was already** in New York several times. – It's a great city.
- b) I **have already been** to New York several times. – It's a great city.



Complete these dialogues with the verbs in the Present Perfect or the Simple Past. Do **NOT** use short forms! ~~haven't~~ – ~~hasn't~~ etc.

Dad: Can you wash the car, please, Peter?

You _____ (not/do) it yet.

Peter: That's not fair. Yesterday I _____ (help) you in the garden and I _____ (make) a chocolate cake for mum. The day before yesterday I _____ (do) the shopping, too.

Dad: Your mum _____ (just/tidy) your room, so you don't have to do that today. I haven't got time. I'm in a hurry and you know that it's your job to wash the car.

Peter: But I _____ (not/finish) my work on our new project, and the car isn't really dirty. We _____ (wash) it two weeks ago.

Dad: But the car is really dirty inside. And I _____ (just/tell) you that I'm in a hurry. OK, you can clean the inside of the car today and do the rest next week. Is that all right?

Peter: OK. That won't take long.

"for" or "since"? Choose the correct answer.

1. The O'Connors haven't been to Dublin _____ six months.
2. The McCourts have lived in New York _____ 2005.
3. Mr O'Brady hasn't seen his wife and children _____ last week.
4. Mrs Kennedy hasn't phoned her parents _____ two days.
5. The O'Learys haven't talked to any Irish people _____ they left the country.