PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE VS. PAST SIMPLE

1) Are the underlined parts of these sentences right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

1. I've lost my key. I can't find it anywhere. .....
2. Have you eaten a lot of sweets when you were a child? .....
3. I've bought a new car. You must come and see it. .....
4. I've bought a new car last week. .....
5. Where have you been yesterday evening? .....
6. Lucy has left school in 1999. .....
7. I'm looking for Mike. Have you seen him? .....
8. "Have you been to Paris?" "Yes, many times." .....
9. I'm very hungry. I haven't eaten much today. .....
10. When has this book been published? .....

2) Make sentences from the words in brackets. Use the present perfect or the past simple.

1. (it / not / rain / this week) .....
2. (the weather / be / cold / recently) .....
3. (it / cold / last week) .....
4. (I / not / read / a newspaper yesterday) .....
5. (I / not / read / a newspaper today) .....
6. (Emily / earn / a lot of money / this year) .....
7. (She / not / earn / so much / last year) .....
8. (You / have / a holiday recently?) .....

3) Put the verb into the more suitable form, present perfect simple or past simple.

1. I don't know where Lisa is. ..... (you / see) her?
2. When I ..... (get) home last night, I ..... (be) very tired and I ..... (go) straight to bed.
3. A: ..... (you / finish) painting the bedroom?
   B: Not yet. I'll finish it tomorrow.
4. George ..... (not / be) very well last week.
5. Mr Clark ..... (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then he gave it up.
6. Molly lives in Dublin. She ..... (live) there all her life.
7. A: ..... (you / go) to the cinema last night?
   B: Yes, but it ..... (be) a mistake. The film ..... (be) awful.
8. My grandfather ..... (die) before I was born. I ..... (never / meet) him.
9. I don't know Carol's husband. I ..... (never / meet) him.

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