

Reading Comprehension

Simple Past vs. Present Perfect

PART 1: Reading

Read the following text carefully. Pay attention to the verbs in bold.

MY LIFE CHANGES

My name is Carlos. I am 25 years old and I live in Mexico City. My life **has changed** a lot in the last few years.

When I was a child, I **lived** in a small town with my family. I **went** to a local school and I **played** soccer with my friends every day. Life was simple and happy.

In 2020, I **moved** to Mexico City to study at the university. It **was** a big change for me. I **didn't know** anyone in the city.

Now, I **have made** many new friends. I **have learned** to cook, and I **have visited** many interesting places. I **have never traveled** outside of Mexico, but I want to visit other countries someday.

I **have grown** as a person. I am happy with my life!

■ Simple Past ■ Present Perfect

PART 2: True or False

Read each sentence. Write T (True) or F (False) based on the reading.

1. Carlos is 30 years old. _____
2. He lived in a big city when he was a child. _____
3. Carlos moved to Mexico City in 2020. _____
4. He has made many new friends in the city. _____
5. Carlos has traveled to many countries. _____
6. He played basketball with his friends as a child. _____
7. Carlos has learned to cook. _____
8. He is unhappy with his life now. _____

PART 3: Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Where does Carlos live now?

2. What did Carlos do with his friends when he was a child?

3. Why did Carlos move to Mexico City?

4. What has Carlos learned to do?

5. Has Carlos ever traveled outside of Mexico?

PART 4: Your Reflection

Write a short paragraph (5-7 sentences) about YOUR life. Answer the questions below to help you.

Ideas to include:

- Where did you live when you were a child? (Simple Past)
- What did you do as a child? (Simple Past)
- What has changed in your life? (Present Perfect)
- What have you learned? (Present Perfect)
- Have you ever done something special? (Present Perfect with EVER)
