

★ ALL STARS ★

LIFE EVENTS AND VERB TENSES

Look at the expressions below. Decide if they are usually used with:

- Past Simple (PS)
 - Present Perfect (PP)
 - Both
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BE BORN _____ • GO TO PRIMARY SCHOOL _____ • GO TO SECONDARY SCHOOL _____ • GO TO UNIVERSITY _____ • LEAVE SCHOOL _____ • GET A JOB _____ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GET MARRIED _____ • HAVE CHILDREN _____ • SEPARATE _____ • GET DIVORCED _____ • RETIRE _____ • FALL IN LOVE _____ • DIE _____ |
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PRESENT PERFECT VS PAST SIMPLE : READING PRACTICE

Read the texts and complete with the verb in the tenses you consider correct.



Miley Cyrus _____
(become) one of the most famous
pop stars in the world. She _____
(be born) in the United States and
she _____ (go) to primary school
there. Since then, she _____
(release) many successful albums
and _____ (change) her
musical style several times. She
_____ (act) in films and has
performed on many international
stages. She _____ (fall) in
love many times and _____
(speak) openly about her personal
life. Over the years, she
_____ (win) important
awards and _____
(continue) to build a long career.



Cardi B _____ (be born) in New
York and she _____ (leave)
school at a young age. Later, she
_____ (work) hard and
_____ (build) a successful
music career. She _____
(release) hit songs and _____
(win) Grammy Awards. She
_____ (get married) and
_____ (have children),
and she _____ (talk) about
family life in interviews. In recent
years, she _____ (become)
one of the most influential female
rappers in the world.



Amy Winehouse _____ (be born) in London in 1983. She _____
(go) to secondary school and later _____ (leave) school to study
music. She _____ (get) a job as a professional singer and
_____ (release) very successful albums. She _____ (fall) in
love, _____ (get married), and later _____ (separate)
from her husband. She _____ (struggle) with health
problems. She _____ (die) in 2011, and she _____ (be)
remembered as one of the most talented singers of her generation.

TRUE / FALSE (CONTENT + TENSE AWARENESS)

Read the texts again and decide if the sentences are True (T) or False (F).

1. Miley Cyrus has changed her musical style several times. ____
2. Cardi B went to secondary school in the United States. ____
3. Amy Winehouse has released very successful albums in recent years. ____
4. Miley Cyrus was born in the United States. ____
5. Cardi B has become one of the most influential female rappers in the world. ____
6. Amy Winehouse died in 2011. ____

Find examples in the texts and write them in the correct column.

PAST SIMPLE	PRESENT PERFECT
1)	1)
2)	2)
3)	3)

SPEAK YOUR MIND!

What type of actions are said with present perfect?

What type of actions are said with past simple

Why do we use present perfect to talk about Miley Cyrus and Cardi B?

Why do we use past simple to talk about Amy Winehouse?

CHOOSE THE BEST OPTION

Circle the correct answer.

- We use the present perfect when:
 - a) The person is no longer alive
 - b) The time is finished
 - c) The person is alive and the experience is part of their life
- Which sentence is correct for an alive artist?
 - a) She won five Grammy Awards in her life.
 - b) She has won five Grammy Awards.
- We use the past simple when:
 - a) The person is still alive
 - b) The event happened in a finished time
 - c) We don't know when it happened
- Which sentence is correct for Amy Winehouse?
 - a) She has released very successful albums.
 - b) She released very successful albums.

READ AND THINK!

- *Miley Cyrus has won many important awards.*
- *Cardi B was born in New York.*
- *Amy Winehouse left school at a young age.*
- *Cardi B has become one of the most famous rappers in the world.*
- *Amy Winehouse died in 2011.*
 - What is the main difference between past simple and present perfect in these texts?
 - Why is time (finished or unfinished) important when choosing a tense?
 - Which tense do you find easier? Why?