PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT #3

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE vs. PAST SIMPLE

Exercise 1: Complete these sentences using the verb in the box with the correct form of the Present Perfect Simple.

BREAK - BUY - DECIDE - FINISH - FORGET - GO - GO - INVITE - SEE - SEE - TAKE - TELL

1. "Can I have this newspaper?" "Yes, I _____ with it"
2. I _____ some news shoes. Do you want see them?
3. "Where is Liz?" "She _____ out."
4. I'm looking for Paula. _____ you _____ her?
5. Look! Somebody _____that window.
6. "Does Lisa know that you're going away?" "Yes, I _____ her."
7. I can't find umbrella. Somebody _____ it.
8. I'm looking for Sarah. Where _____ she _____?
9. I know that woman but I _____ her name.
10. Sue is having a part tonight. She _____ a lot of people.
11. What are you going to do? _____ you _____?
12. "Where are my glasses?" "I don't know. I _____ them."

Exercise 2: Complete the blog with the present perfect form of the verb in brackets. Pay attention to the time expressions!

There are lots of new sports to try at the sports centre. They (1) _____ **[just / employ]** some new coaches for kickboxing, tennis, water polo and sprint cycling. I'm good at swimming, so I (2) _____ **[already / join]** the water polo team, but we (3) _____ **[not have / our first training session / yet]**. I'm interested in the sprint cycling, but I (4) _____ **[not get / a bike / yet]**. The kickboxing coach (5) _____ **[just / put up]** the timetable and I (6) _____ **[already / pay]** for the first lesson.

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Exercise 3: Write *for* or *since*. Pay attention to the sentence.

- ***Jill has been in Ireland since Monday.***
- ***Jill has been in Ireland for three days.***

1. My aunt lives has lived in Australia _____ 15 years.
2. Margaret is in her office. She has been there _____ 7 o'clock.
3. India has been an independent country _____ 1947.
4. The bus is late. We've been waiting _____ 20 minutes.
5. Nobody lives in those houses. They have been empty _____ many years.
6. Mike has been ill _____ a long time. He has been in hospital _____ October.

Exercise 4: Choose the correct option. Notice if you need the present perfect or the past simple.

1. Yesterday's match **was / has been** very exciting.
2. I **didn't run / hadn't run** a race this afternoon.
3. I **cycled / have cycled** to school today.
4. **Did the race finish / Has the race finished**?
5. We **just won / have just won** the competition!

Exercise 4: Complete the different dialogues with the correct form of the verb on brackets in the Present Perfect Simple or Past Simple.

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A: _____ (**you / ever / be**) to Florida?
B: Yes, we _____ (**go**) there on holiday two years ago.
A: _____ (**you / have**) a good time?
B: Yes, it _____ (**be**) great!

2

A: Where's Alan? _____ (**you / see**) him?
B: Yes, he _____ (**go**) out a few minutes ago.
A: And Julia?
B: I don't know. I _____ (**not / see**) her.

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Rose works in a factory. She _____ (**work**) there for six months. Before that she _____ (**be**) a waitress in a restaurant. She _____ (**work**) there for two years but she _____ (**not / enjoy**) it very much.

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