

# PRESENT PERFECT or PAST SIMPLE?

## I Choose the correct answer:

1. Shakespeare *wrote* / *has written* 'Romeo and Juliette' a long time ago.
2. Madonna *has been* / *was* famous for about twenty years.
3. Columbus *has discovered* / *discovered* America in 1592.
4. Human beings *have been* / *were* on the Earth for about 50,000 years.
5. Dinosaurs *have lived* / *lived* on this planet for about 20 million years.
6. How many times *were you* / *have you been* late for school last week?
7. How many times *did you watch* / *have you watched* this film?
8. The school year *has already started* / *already started*.
9. I *haven't eaten* / *didn't eat* anything since noon.
10. We *haven't seen* / *didn't see* John last Monday.

## II Complete the sentences using either the Present Perfect or Past Simple:

1. He can't go out because he \_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) his homework yet.
2. A plane \_\_\_\_\_ (just / take off).
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) from Peter for ages. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / see) him last week by any chance?
4. Look at my dress! I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) it a few days ago.
5. How many countries \_\_\_\_\_ (Beyonce / visited) on her tour last spring?
6. The Jacksons \_\_\_\_\_ (already / sell) their house.
7. This is the first time ever that I \_\_\_\_\_ (win) a competition!
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) a holiday last summer.
9. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (never / be) rude to me.
10. Helen and Tessa \_\_\_\_\_ (know) each other for twenty years.

## III Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in Present Perfect or Past Simple. Use each verb two times, as appropriate:

*lose – go – write – break – arrive*

1. Last month I \_\_\_\_\_ to Scotland.
2. What's the matter? I'm sorry, I \_\_\_\_\_ a vase. I'll clean up.
3. Grandma \_\_\_\_\_ by plane late last night.
4. Jim \_\_\_\_\_ his keys.
5. Parsons is a famous writer. He \_\_\_\_\_ many books.
6. Maria \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of e-mails yesterday.
7. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ into their house last week.
8. The director \_\_\_\_\_ to the meeting.
9. Simon is not here, he \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema.
10. They \_\_\_\_\_ the game two nights ago, but they played well.