

Past Simple vs. Present Perfect

Past Simple

Form



Use

We **lived** in Japan from 1995-1998.



(a time period that started and ended in the past)

I **saw** the Eiffel Tower in 2007.



Series of actions

First, he **read** book and then he **watched** movie.



Repeated actions

He **went** to the cinema every weekend last year.



Present Perfect

Form



Use

I've **worked** as a teacher since 2011.



(a time period that started in the past, and continues until now)

I **have seen** the Eiffel Tower.

Experience

Have you **ever seen** this movie?

Result

She **has already** watched this movie 3 times.



Time Phrases