

Past Simple vs. Present Perfect

Past Simple

Present Perfect

Form

Use

We **lived** Japan in **from** 1995-1998.
(a time period that started and ended in the past)



I've **worked** as a teacher **since** 2011.
(a time period that started in the past, and continues until now)



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



I **have seen** the Eiffel Tower.

Series of actions
First, he **read** book and **then** he **watched** movie.



Experience
Have you **ever seen** this movie?

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

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

Time Phrases