



Presente Perfecto vs Pasado Simple

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1. Use (Cuándo usar uno u otro)

Present Perfect	Past Simple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • result of an action in the past is important in the present • recently completed actions • actions beginning in the past and still continuing • together with <i>lately, recently, yet</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • action finished in the past • series of completed actions in the past • together with Past Progressive/Continuous – The Simple Past interrupted an action which was in progress in the past.

2. Signal words (Palabras y expresiones típicas de cada uno)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • just • yet • never • already • ever • so far • up to now • recently • since • for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • yesterday • last week • a month ago • in 2012

3. Form (Cómo armar cada uno)

Present Perfect	Past Simple
have/has + past participle	regular verbs → infinitive + ed irregular verbs → 2nd column of the table of the irregular verbs

Ejercitación

Elige la opción correcta.

- They _____ all the new words. They needn't worry about the test.
- Three people _____ him in hospital las Friday.
- Martin _____ for 50 miles on scenic routes three weeks ago.
- We _____ chicken Tandoori before.
- _____ a job yet?
- Emily and Molly _____ each other for more than 10 years now.
- She _____ late four times this week.
- -What's that lovely smell in here? -Jasmin _____ a yummy cake.
- The teacher _____ the homework yet.
- I _____ in this house since 2015.