

EXTRA PRACTICE: PRESENT PERFECT vs PAST SIMPLE.

Remember:

PAST SIMPLE	PRESENT PERFECT
- we use the past simple to talk about actions that happened at a specific point in the past. - Past time expressions: <i>I <u>lived</u> here last year.</i> <i>I <u>was</u> in Paris two months ago</i> <i>Did you <u>send</u> the letter yesterday?</i> <i>When did you <u>go</u> to Thailand?</i> <i>I <u>bought</u> a souvenir when we went to the cathedral</i>	- we use the present perfect to talk about: 1) actions that started in the past and continue in the present <i>- I <u>have lived</u> here since 2008.</i> 2) actions that happened in the past, but we don't say when they started or finished (or we don't know when) <i>- I've read two of the Harry Potter books.</i> - Present perfect time expressions: <i>I <u>have</u> never read mystery novels.</i> <i>We <u>have been</u> friends since 2010/for 10 years.</i> <i>She <u>has</u> just finished the activities.</i> <i>He <u>hasn't been</u> to Paris yet.</i>

- Complete with the past simple or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

1. That man _____ (get) on the train ten minutes ago.
2. We _____ (be) on the coach for six hours now.
3. How _____ (you/feel) when you reached the top of the mountain?
4. James _____ (work) in Australia since 2008.
5. We _____ (buy) a guidebook when we were in the cathedral.

- Complete the conversation with the past simple or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Lisa: _____ (you/ever/see) any of the Natural Wonders of the World?
Ben: Yes, I have! I _____ (visit) the Grand Canyon in the USA.
Lisa: Really? When _____ (you/go) there?
Ben: I _____ (go) last year when I was visiting my uncle in Las Vegas. They _____ (live) there for two years.
Lisa: What was it like?
Ben: It was amazing. It's the best experience I _____ (ever/have). I _____ (take) hundreds of photos when I was there!