E11_Unit 4: Caring For Those In Need

GRAMMAR TL

THE PRESENT PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE

Exercise 1: **Put the verbs into past simple or present perfect.**

1. 'Lunch?' ~ 'No thanks, I _____ (already/ eat).
2. I _____ (get) back home the day before yesterday.
3. There _____ (be) 4 deaths from the accident so far.
4. Up to now, we _____ (have) very mild weather this winter.
5. I _____ (finish) school the year before last.
6. Life _____ (be) harder then because neither of us _____ (have) a job.
7. I think we _____ (meet) before.
8. You _____ (look) pretty upset just now.
9. She _____ (be) off work since Tuesday.
10. There _____ (be) drought conditions for the last two summers.
11. I _____ (graduate) from high school in 2002
12. This is the first time I _____ (be) to London.
13. Just then there _____ (be) a knock at the door.
14. That's the best match they _____ (play)
15. You _____ (have) so much patience spending the whole afternoon here.
16. I _____ (just/ hear) the news.
17. I _____ (not/receive) a letter from him yet.
18. '_____ (you/ever/ think) of changing your job?' ~ 'No, never'
19. _____ (you/use) it recently?
20. Where _____ you (be) yesterday morning?
21. How many times _____ (you/read) that book? ~ At least 10 times
22. How long ago _____ (you/buy) it?
23. _____ (you/see) her lately?
24. I _____ (begin) this novel last month and I still _____ (not finish) it.

Exercise 2: **Identify the use of the Present Perfect and the Past Simple in the sentences below. Write the type of use (1-10) next to each sentence.**

The Present Perfect can be used to express:

1. Completed past actions connected to the present.
2. Situations started in the past and are still true.
3. A series of actions continuing up to now.
4. Completed actions at a time in the past which is not mentioned.
5. Giving new information or announcing a recent happening.

The Past Simple can be used to express:

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6. Completed actions which happened at a particular time in the past.
7. Past habits
8. Permanent situations in the past
9. General truths about the past
10. The main events in a story

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1. Crosswords **didn't become** popular until the 1930s. _____
2. She **went** to Dublin last year _____
3. We'**ve travelled** by taxi, plane and train – all in the last twenty-four hours. _____
4. A famous footballer **lived** in our house before we bought it. _____
5. **Have** you ever **flown** in a helicopter? _____
6. Billy **has come** back, do you know? _____
7. **Did** you **collect** stamps when you were younger? _____
8. She'**s had** her motorbike for over six years. _____
9. He **has lost** his keys. He is still looking for them. _____
10. He **got** in the car, **started** the engine and **drove** off. _____

Exercise 3: **Put the verbs into the present perfect or the past simple tense.**

1. This is my house.
   ~How long you _____ (live) here?
   ~I _____ (live) here since 1970.
2. He _____ (live) in London for two years and then _____ (go) to Edinburgh.
3. _____ (wear) your hair long when you were at school?
   ~ Yes, my mother _____ (insist) on it.
4. Shakespeare _____ (write) a lot of plays.
5. He _____ (not smoke) for two weeks. He is trying to give it up.
6. I _____ (never drink) whisky. ~ Well, have some now.
7. _____ (newspaper/come)? ~ Yes, Ann is reading it.
8. _____ (you/be) here before?
   ~ Yes, I _____ (spend) my holidays here last year.
   ~ _____ (you/have) a good time?
   ~ No, it never _____ (stop) raining.

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