

LESSON 10: PAST SIMPLE & PRESENT PERFECT

Exercise 1: Look at the time expressions in each sentence. Does it refer to “finished past time” or to “up to now” time? Tick.

Sentences	finished past time	“up to now” time
1. My uncle has sent me \$50 gift card every Christmas since I was born .		
2. She wrote her first book in 1970 .		
3. She's gotten lots of good news this afternoon .		
4. She got lots of good news this afternoon .		
5. I got an award last week .		
6. My parents have lived in Hanoi for more than 20 years .		
7. Sorry, Sam went out five minutes ago . Can I take a message?		
8. Sorry, Sam hasn't come to work today . Can I take a message?		

Exercise 2: Put the verbs in the **Past simple** or **Present perfect** forms.

1. Phong _____ (not come) home since he studied abroad.
2. Phong last _____ (see) his parents 2 years ago.
3. It's 10 a.m. – I _____ (receive) 15 emails this morning, most of them spam!
4. It's 6 p.m. – I _____ (receive) 15 emails this morning, most of them spam!
5. Where _____ (you, be) yesterday?
6. The gang _____ (admit) they had robbed the bank last weekend.
7. Emma is the most intelligent person they _____ (ever/ talk) to.
8. He _____ (not understand) the lesson yesterday because it _____ (be) too difficult.
9. _____ (the police, investigate) the robbery yet?
10. It's a month since Philip last _____ (drop in) this bookshop.
11. The teacher _____ (remind) Paul about his homework several times.
12. When Helen was small, her mom often _____ (not encourage) her to learn a foreign language.
13. What _____ (they, see) at the art gallery last Monday?
14. Mike _____ (just/ decide) to spend this weekend on relaxing after a long business trip.
15. _____ (Lisa, ever, be) to Phu Quoc island? No, she _____.

Exercise 3: Choose the correct answers.

Exercise 4: Complete each second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

Write between two and five words.

1. Linh started teaching English 3 months ago.
Linh _____ English for 3 months.
2. I last saw Uncle Bob when I was a student.
I _____ since I was a student.
3. It's ten years since I last hiked up to a mountain.
I haven't hiked up to a mountain _____.
4. The last time my husband and I watched a movie was 2 months ago.
My husband and I _____ for 2 months.
5. When did he purchase this laptop?
How long _____ this laptop?
6. It's the first time that we have experienced this sharp pain.
We haven't _____ before.
7. His baby hasn't eaten anything for 6 hours.
The last time his baby ate something _____

Exercise 5: Rewrite each second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use **past simple or present perfect** with the words given in the brackets.

0. *This is the first time I have watched such an amazing movie. (before)*

I haven't seen such an amazing movie before.

1. The last time Kim called James was 6 months ago. (hasn't)

2. The last time Angela went to that restaurant was 8 weeks ago. (gone)

3. They haven't seen each other for 2 years. (last)

4. I haven't drunk water for 10 hours. (ago)

5. Pony hasn't seen such a beautiful painting before. (first)

6. I have never gone birdwatching before. (time)

Exercise 6: Find the **mistakes** and **correct**. Put an **X** in the correction if you want to correct by taking the mistake out of the sentence.

Sentence	Mistake	Correction
1. She has caught a cold in school a few days ago.		
2. Did you sad yesterday?		
3. Have your business course started yet?		
4. We just have come home from our holidays.		
5. I haven't never played volleyball before.		
6. My dog last broken his leg 5 years ago.		
7. Has Anna taken all the money? Yes, she hasn't.		