

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.

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

Exercise 3: Choose the correct answers.

- I have lost my keys _____ 3 days.
A. for B. last C. since
- He _____ explained all the games' rules 30 minutes ago.
A. has B. so far C. last
- My mom _____ her driving lessons last week.
A. has started B. started C. was started
- I last had my hair cut _____ I left Hanoi.
A. for B. since C. when
- How long _____ this camera?
A. have you had B. did you have C. did you had
- _____ did you buy your house?
A. How long B. When C. Both A & B
- It's 3 years _____ I last went to the zoo.
A. for B. ago C. since
- The last time we went out together _____ five years ago.
A. was B. has been C. is

Exercise 4: Complete each second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.**Write between two and five words.**

- Linh started teaching English 3 months ago.
Linh _____ English for 3 months.
- I last saw Uncle Bob when I was a student.
I _____ since I was a student.
- It's ten years since I last hiked up to a mountain.
I haven't hiked up to a mountain _____.
- The last time my husband and I watched a movie was 2 months ago.
My husband and I _____ for 2 months.
- When did he purchase this laptop?
How long _____ this laptop?
- It's the first time that we have experienced this sharp pain.
We haven't _____ before.
- 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.	_____	_____