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Past Simple and Present Perfect

## PAST SIMPLE & PRESENT PERFECT

**PAST SIMPLE**

**PRESENT PERFECT**

**S + V-ed**

**Express finished time**  
E.g. We lived in Japan from 1995 to 1998.

**Refer to definite time**  
E.g. I saw the Eiffel Tower in 2007.

**Indicate series of finished actions**  
E.g. First he read the book, and then he watched the movie.

**S + have/has + V-ed**

**Describe unfinished time**  
E.g. I've worked as a teacher since 2011.

**Refer to indefinite time**  
E.g. I have seen the Eiffel Tower.

**Express experience or result**  
E.g. She has already watched this movie 3 times.

**TESL COM**

Choose the past simple or the present perfect:

1. Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my keys – I had to call my flatmate to let me in.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my keys – can you help me look for them?
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Paris three times.
4. Last year I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Paris.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) my great grandmother for a few years - she died when I was eight.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) Julie for three years – we still meet once a month.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) hockey since I was a child – I'm pretty good!
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ (play) hockey at school, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (not / like) it.
9. Sorry, I \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the bus, so I'm going to be late.

10. I \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the bus, and then I \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the aeroplane as well!

11. Last month I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Scotland.

12. I'm sorry, John isn't here now. He \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the shops.

13. We \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) this room last week.

14. I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) my exams finally – I'm so happy!

15. Yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) all my friends. It was great.

16. I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Julie three times this week!

17. She \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in London since 1994.

18. She \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in London when she was a child.

19. I \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) three cups of coffee this morning.

20. I \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) seven cups of coffee yesterday.