

Past Simple and Present Perfect Simple

Form

Write down the correct form (pronoun + verb).

	Past Simple	Present Perfect Simple
he / listen		
they / speak		
I / watch		
she / grow		
you / fall		

Use

When do we use which tense?

- To talk about an action in the past (without any consequences in the present), we use ...
- To emphasise a past action's consequence in the present, we use ...
- 'so far' is a signal word for ...
- '5 minutes ago' is a signal word for ...
- 'recently' is a signal word for ...

Positive Sentences

Put the verbs into the correct tense (past simple or present perfect simple).

1. He (leave / just) his house.
2. We (build) a tree house last week.
3. Two years ago, Fiona (break) her leg.
4. I (wash / already) the dishes.
5. The other day, our cat (bring) home a mouse.

Negative Sentences

Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple past or present perfect simple).

1. We (empty / not) the bin last week.
2. She (be / not) there an hour ago.
3. He (lose / not) any game so far.
4. My brother (pick / not) me up at 8 o'clock.
5. I (make / not) up my mind yet.

Questions

Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple past or present perfect simple).

1. (you / see) Bob recently?
2. Who (switch) off the lights a minute ago?
3. When (she / become) a teacher?
4. (you / ride / ever) an elephant?
5. (you / hurt) your knee when you were playing football?

Text

Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple past or present perfect simple).

1. Last week I (be) very busy and I (have not) the time to do a lot in the household.
2. On Monday I (work) three hours overtime and (come) home very late in the evening.
3. From Tuesday to Thursday I (be) on a business trip.
4. On Friday I (go) to a friend's birthday party and at the weekend I (visit) my grandparents.
5. Tomorrow some friends are coming over. I (see / not) them for ages and they (be / never) at my place before.
6. I (clean / just) my house so I can show them around. Now everything is perfect.