

GRAMMAR FOCUS
PRESENT PERFECT - PAST SIMPLE

I. Decide which word is correct.

- 1 Ben writes very quickly. He's _____ finished his essay,
A. already B. been C. for D. yet
- 2 What are you going to do? ~ I don't know. I haven't decided _____.
A. just B. long C. since D. yet
- 3 I've _____ to London. I went there in June.
A. been B. gone C. just D. yet
- 4 Have you _____ done any skiing?
A. ever B. for C. just D. long
- 5 My boyfriend hasn't rung _____ week.
A. for B. last C. since D. this
- 6 I haven't seen that coat before. How _____ have you had it?
A. already B. for C. long D. since
- 7 The girls have _____ to the cinema. They won't be back until ten o'clock.
A. already B. been C. gone D. just
- 8 I haven't seen my parents _____ last Christmas.
A. already B. before C. for D. since
- 9 This is the first _____ I've ever lived away from home.
A. already B. since C. that D. time
- 10 This programme must be new. I've _____ seen it before.
A. ever B. never C. since D. yet

II. Choose Past Simple or Present Perfect.

1. Jack _____ in Boston for the last 15 years.
A. lived B. has lived
2. Janet _____ for Smith and Brothers before she came to work for us.
A. worked B. has worked
3. Dad, _____ reading the paper yet?
A. did you finish B. have you finished
4. I would love to visit Italy sometime. Unfortunately, I _____ there.
A. was never B. have never been
5. Peter _____ tennis for five years when he _____ at school.
A. played - was B. has played - was
6. I'm afraid I'm not hungry. I _____.
A. didn't eat already B. have already eaten
7. When Jack was at school, he _____ to play the violin.
A. learned B. has learned
8. Just a moment! I _____ of a good idea yet!
A. didn't think B. haven't thought
9. I _____ something done to my hair. Do you like it?
A. just had B. have just had

10. Michael Jackson _____ many albums during his wonderful career.
A. recorded B. has recorded
11. We _____ to the city centre for ages. Are there any changes?
A. didn't go B. haven't gone
12. When _____ reading this book?
A. did you start B. have you started
13. I think I _____ my keys. I can't find them anywhere.
A. lost B. have lost
14. My friend _____ to London a few years ago.
A. moved B. has moved
15. _____ to Australia?
A. Did you ever go B. Have you ever been

III. Put the verb into the correct form of the past simple or present perfect.

1. She loves Paris. She _____ (be) there many times.
2. Bill _____ (work) in that company for 3 years. (He still works there).
3. They _____ (go) to London on holiday last summer.
4. I _____ (just, read) that book. It's good.
5. His parents _____ (be) here yesterday.
6. They _____ (go) to Germany when he _____ (be) only 4.
7. _____ (you, watch) a film last night?
8. I _____ (have) some toast when I got up.
9. He _____ (live) in Rome since he was a teenager.
10. The house looks different. _____ (you, paint) it?
11. I _____ (not see) you in class last Friday.
12. He _____ (write) ten songs up to now.

IV. Complete the second sentence using the word in brackets so that it has the same meaning as the first one.

1. He last wrote to her in February. (NOT)
-> _____
2. My father started washing his car in the morning. (SINCE)
-> _____
3. Tom has collected stamps since he was a kid. (STARTED COLLECTING)
-> _____
4. She finished ironing the clothes a few minutes ago. (JUST)
-> _____
5. Tom and Mary has worked here for three years. (WORKING, AGO)
-> _____
6. We haven't seen her since January. (LAST)
-> _____