

Past Simple



- ✦ Action in the past (determined time)
- ✦ Action that starts / ends in the past
- ✦ Reference to a single action

Examples

I **bought** a beautiful blouse yesterday.
I **bought** a pie when I was at the supermarket.
I **worked** at that office for 3 years.
I **lived** in Miami before moving to Australia.



Present Perfect

- ✦ Action in the past (undetermined time)
- ✦ Unfinished action starting in the past
- ✦ Reference to more than one action

Examples

I **have bought** a beautiful blouse.
I **have gone** to Australia several times.
I **have worked** here since I moved to this town.
I **haven't read** the newspaper yet.



Complete with the verb given in the present perfect or the past simple:

1. I _____ your sister when I _____ at the movie theater Saturday night. She looks like you. [to meet; to be]
2. Tony _____ the dishes yet. I _____ him to do it after lunch, maybe he _____ me. [to do; to ask; to hear / not]
3. Claire _____ to Canada three years ago. I miss her very much. [to move]
4. Dan should be more careful. He _____ his wallet at the mall yesterday. [to lose]
5. Ann is so absent-minded! Do you believe she _____ the wrong tickets? [to get]
6. _____ you _____ Sarah yet? She _____ while you _____ away. [to call; to phone; to be]
7. I _____ the garage this morning to see if the car _____ ready but they _____ it yet. They _____ me it'll be ready by the weekend. [to phone; to be; to repair / not; to tell]
8. When I _____ in Columbia I _____ to have a Porsche, but since I _____ to Maine I _____ a Mercedes. [to live; to use; to move; to have]
9. Calm down, Lucy! Carl _____ yet, but he may get here soon. [to arrive / not]
10. Paula _____ from Italy this morning. She _____ she wants to see you as soon as possible. [to arrive / to say]
11. We _____ to Europe several times. It's always a wonderful trip. [to be]
12. I _____ here for fourteen years, so I think you should listen to me. [to work]
13. Peter _____ last year and since then he _____ his time to gardening. [to retire; to dedicate]
14. Emily should go with us. The last time we _____ there we _____ a great time. [to go; to have]
15. When I _____ in Paris I _____ to the Eifel Tower just because everyone _____ to visit it. [to be; to go; to visit]
16. I _____ some weight because I _____ every night after work for the past three weeks. [to lose; to jog]
17. Philip _____ to ballet classes. I don't know if he wants to lose weight or to shock his family. [to enroll]

