

Present Perfect or Past Simple

Make sentences from the words in brackets. Use the present perfect or past simple.

1. (it / not / rain / this week) **It hasn't rained this week** .
2. (the weather / be / cold / recently) The weather _____ .
3. (it / be / cold / last week) It _____ .
4. (I / not / read / a newspaper yesterday) I _____ .
5. (I / not / read / a newspaper today) _____ .
6. (Emily / earn / a lot of money / this year) _____ .
7. (she / not / earn / so much / last year) _____ .
8. (you / have / a holiday recently) _____ ?

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

1. 'What's Madrid like?' 'I don't know. **I haven't been** (I / not / be) there.'
2. When _____ (I / get) home last night, _____ (I / be) very tired and _____ (I / go) straight to bed.
3. A: _____ (you / see) Lisa recently?
B: Yes, _____ (I / see) her a few days ago.
4. I'm tired. _____ (I / not / sleep) well last night.
5. The bus drivers were on strike last week. _____ (there / be) no buses.
6. Mr Lee _____ (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then _____ (he / give) it up. Now he works as a gardener.
7. Mary lives in Dublin. _____ (she / live) there all her life.
8. A: _____ (you / go) to the cinema last night?
B: Yes, but _____ (it / be) a mistake. The film _____ (be) awful.
9. My grandfather _____ (die) before I was born. _____ (I / never / meet) him.
10. I don't know Karen's husband. _____ (I / never / meet) him.
11. It's nearly lunchtime, and _____ (I / not / see) Martin all morning. I wonder where he is.

12. 'Where do you live?' 'In Boston.'
'How long _____ (you / live) there?' 'Five years.'
'Where _____ (you / live) before that?' 'In Chicago.'
'And how long _____ (you / live) in Chicago?' 'Two years.'

Complete the text with suitable forms of the words in brackets. Use the present perfect or past simple. In one place, both are possible.

Electric cars – Latest update

A small American car manufacturer (0) **has just announced** (**just announce**) that its experimental electric car, the Lexington X1, will go into production this year.

Markton Automobiles, of Detroit, Michigan, (1) _____ (**make**) the announcement at last month's Auto Show in Geneva.

Although there are now many electric cars on the market, so far manufacturers (2) _____ (**not be able**) to produce one that can really compete with existing petrol cars. There are two major problems – speed and distance. Up until now, electric cars (3) _____ (**be**) either too slow or unable to travel far enough without recharging their batteries. Markton Automobiles claim that they (4) _____ (**overcome**) these difficulties with a new type of solar panel which continually recharges the batteries. The company (5) _____ (**not give**) the press exact details yet, but they claim they (6) _____ (**already test**) the car successfully under all kinds of weather conditions.

A Japanese company (7) _____ (**first design**) the engine in 2007. But over the last few years Markton (8) _____ (**adapt**) the design and increased its power.

The company (9) _____ (**invite**) ten journalists to test-drive the new car last week. Their reports (10) _____ (**be**) mainly positive, although we will have to wait for the full test results before we know if this really is the electric car that everyone is waiting for.

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