

GRAMMAR

Past Simple & Present Perfect

Me: just wrote 200
unsaved lines of code
My computer:



EXERCISE 1

Read the text. Find the time markers that are used with Past Simple and Present Perfect.

Past Simple: _____, _____.

Present Perfect: _____, _____, _____.

It's awkward. How many times **have you caught** yourself thinking aloud? Have you ever received this "are you crazy" look? Now, we have an excuse, Voice UI. "I was just talking to my smartphone." Just **a few years ago people thought** that a guy talking to his phone was crazy, but now hardly anyone would care.

At the same time a study by Creative Strategies shows that while 98% of iPhone users **have used Siri**, fewer than 10% are comfortable talking to Siri in public. Typical usage is either at home (39%) or while driving in their car (51%).

By the way, **have you ever tried** to write or dictate an email using Siri while you're driving? Not a great experience, right?

In fact, up until now, about 99% of VUI usage **has been** about asking very simple questions or giving easy instructions, like:

- "Alexa, Turn on my kitchen lights."
- "Okay Google, Play During Times of War by the Talking Heads"
- "Hey Siri, Does Santa Claus Exist?"

There are plenty of visual elements that are missing in VUI compared to GUI. Like visual text, structure, composition, underlining typos or grammatical mistakes or inserting links. VUI just **hasn't evolved** enough for the complex tasks yet.

In 2016, Apple and Google **opened** their voice API's to application developers. This means that you can use Siri / Google Voice services to create a companion VUI for your GUI inside your iOS and Android applications. Does it make sense to add voice commands to every single feature of every mobile app? Probably not, but in some cases, the voice could be an excellent alternative to GUI.



EXERCISE 2A

Choose the correct form.

1. I **haven't bought/didn't buy** any new books recently.
2. Two of my teammates **have left/left** the company last week.
3. We **have spent/spent** a lot of time fixing this issue last night.
4. **Have you ever won/Did you ever win** a competition?
5. We **have finished/finished** the sprint on Friday.
6. Who is this guy? I **have never met/never met** him before.
7. I **have never been/I never was** to the USA.
8. Jeff isn't at the office this week. He **has gone/went** on a business trip.
9. We have lots of new ideas. We **have attended/attended** on a huge conference.