

PAST SIMPLE & PRESENT PERFECT

PAST SIMPLE

1. Lina and Doon **exchanged** jobs **on Assignment Day**.
2. Granny **died before the singing**.
3. Lina always **went** with her father to the Greenhouses.
4. **When Granny was young** she **tried** lots of delicious foods.

These sentences are in the **past simple** because they are specific actions or situations in **one moment in the past** OR they are things that happened regularly in the past but **cannot happen anymore**. These actions are **finished**.

The **time expressions** used in the sentences show that **finitude**:

- two years ago
- in the past
- (It is obvious if we refer to someone who is dead as in 3)
- in 2001
- when she was kid
- last week
- on my birthday

PRESENT PERFECT

1. Mrs. Murdo **has just offered** Lina to live with her.
2. Lina and Lizzie **have been** friends **for 10 years**.
3. Granny's death **has left** a void in Lina's life.
4. Lina **has never eaten** Pineapple. She **has tried** sweet corn **only once**.

These sentences are in the **present perfect** because they are actions or situations that: happened very **recently** OR started in the past but **continue in the present** OR happened in the past but **affect the present** OR refer to life **experiences that may repeat**.

The **time expressions** **don't refer to a single specific point** in time:

- just, already, yet
- recently, lately
- (Sometimes we don't use time expression as in 3)
- for 5 years
- this year, so far
- since kinder
- never, once, three times

PRACTICE:

- Choose the correct option to **explain** why these sentences are in the present perfect.

1) Lina **has dreamt** about an undiscovered city **all her life**.

- It's a life experience.
- It's something that started in the past and continues in the present.
- It's a very recent action.

2) Doon **has found** 3 new crawling creatures in the Pipeworks **so far**.

- It's a life experience.
- It's something that started in the past and continues in the present.
- It's a very recent action.

3) Lina and Poppy **have just moved in** with Mrs. Murdo.

- It's a life experience.
- It's something that happened in the past but affects the present.
- It's a very recent action.

4) Lina and Doon **have met** many times **since Assignment day**.

- It's a life experience.
- It's something that started in the past and continues in the present.
- It's a very recent action.

5) The long blackout **has left** everyone in fear.

- It's a life experience.
- It's something that happened in the past but affects the present.
- It's a very recent action.

- Choose the best option. Pay **attention to the time expressions** in bold.

1) Lina ----- very lonely **since Granny died**.

felt

has felt

2) Doon ----- a new book about insects in the library **yesterday**.

found

has found

3) Looper and Lizzie ----- things from the storerooms **for who know how long!**

stole

have stolen

4) Lina was surprised because Clary ----- her **when Granny died**.

didn't visit

hasn't visited

5) Captain Flerry ----- very understanding with Lina **since Granny died**.

was

has been

6) The citizens ----- extremely worried **lately**, so **last week** they ----- a protest.

were

strated

have been

have started

7) The potatoes ----- a new disease and Clary is worried now.

developed

have developed