

# PAST SIMPLE vs PRESENT PERFECT

| <u>PAST SIMPLE</u>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <u>PRESENT PERFECT</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Actions that started in the past and finished in the past.</li> <li>★ Definite time reference.</li> </ul>                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Actions that started in the past and have a result in the present.</li> <li>★ Very recent actions.</li> <li>★ Life experiences.</li> <li>★ Indefinite time reference.</li> </ul>    |
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| <u>KEY WORDS AND PHRASES:</u>                                                                                                                                                                                | <u>KEY WORDS AND PHRASES:</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>Yesterday</p> <p>Last... Monday / year/ month/ week, etc</p> <p>In... 2010 / August / etc</p> <p>Two... days ago/ years ago, etc</p> <p>When... I was young/ a baby/ a child / in primary school/etc.</p> | <p>Ever</p> <p>Never</p> <p>For... weeks/ hours/ a long a time</p> <p>Since ... 1990/ five o' clock / Monday/etc.</p> <p>This... morning / week / etc.</p> <p>Recently</p> <p>Lately</p> <p>Just / already / still / yet</p> |

## PAST SIMPLE OR PRESENT PERFECT? Choose the correct form of the verbs:

- I    went        have gone    to my grandma's house yesterday.

I    went        have gone    to my grandma's house three times this week.
- 2) Sophie       didn't speak    hasn't spoken    to Sarah for weeks.

Sophie       didn't speak    hasn't spoken    to Sarah last week.
- 3) I    didn't see        haven't seen    Ben    last Monday.

I    didn't see        haven't seen    Ben    since Monday.
- 4) John    ate        has eaten    pizza    recently.

John    ate        has eaten    pizza    last night.