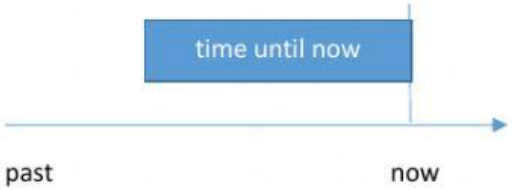
The PAST SIMPLE is used:	The PRESENT PERFECT is used:
• When there is a **specific** mention of **time**. (yesterday, in 2005, last Saturday, six months ago) • For situations that began and ended in the past (FINISHED ACTIONS).	• To talk about past events when there is **no specific time** mentioned. • For situations that began in the past and continue in the present. (UNFINISHED ACTIONS). • To talk about life experiences and recent events.



Compare:

I **lost** my keys *last week*.	Oh, no! I **have lost** my keys! (= I can't find them *now*.)
Bill **went** home *ten minutes ago*.	Bill **has gone** home. (= He isn't here *now*.)
Did you **see** Ann *on Saturday*?	**Have** you **seen** Ann? (= where is she *now*?)
Did you **go** to Spain *last year*?	**Have** you ever **been** to Spain? (= in your life, until *now*.)
Shakespeare **wrote** many plays and poems.	My friend is a writer. He **has written** many books. (until *now*)

LET'S PRACTISE!

Right or wrong? Choose the correct option

1- Have you seen / Did you see Ann yesterday?

2- I finished / I've finished my homework at 2 o'clock.

3- I'm ready now! I finished / I've finished my homework.

4- Sue isn't here. She has gone out / went out.

5- Jim's grandmother died / has died in 1989.

6- Where did you go / have you gone last night?

7- I visited / have visited the Eiffel Tower two years ago.

8- I travelled / have travelled to Europe three times in my life.

Write the verb in the present perfect or past simple

1- I_____(play) tennis yesterday afternoon.
2- My sister _____(not/meet) a famous person.
3- We _____(not/go) on holiday last year.
4- Look! The children _____(break) the window!
5- Kathy travels a lot. She _____(visit) many countries.
6- We _____(see) "Harry Potter" at the cinema on Friday.
7- Oh! I_____(lose) my passport! I can't find it now!
8- My dad_____(buy) a new car last month.
9- It's Rachel's birthday tomorrow and I _____(not/buy) her a present.
10- I'm sorry! I_____(forget) my homework.