# PAST SIMPLE VS PRESENT PERFECT

Watch the video:

| PAST SIMPLE | PRESENT PERFECT |
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| **(REGULAR AND IRREGULAR VERBS)** | |
| (+) SUBJECT + SIMPLE PAST VERB + . . . | |
| (-) SUBJECT + DIDN'T + INFINITIVE VERB + . . . | |
| (?) DID + SUBJECT + INFINITIVE VERB + . . .? | SUBJECT + HAVE / HAS + PAST PARTICIPLE VERB + . . . |
| **(TO BE)** | S + HAVEN'T/HASN'T + PAST PARTICIPLE VERB + . . . |
| (+) SUBJECT + WAS/WERE + . . . | HAVE/HAS + S + PAST PARTICIPLE VERB + . . . ? |
| (-) SUBJECT + WASN'T / WEREN'T + . . . | |
| (?) WAS/WERE + SUBJECT + . . . ? | |

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| USES: | |
| **Finished time** | **Unfinished time** |
| We lived in Japan from 1995-2010.<br>(a period of time that started and ended in the past) | I've worked as a teacher since 1993.<br>(a period of time that started in the past, and continues until now) |
| **Definite time** | **Indefinite time** |
| I saw the Eiffel Tower in 2007. | I have seen the Eiffel Tower. |
| **Series of finished actions** | **Experiences** |
| First, he read a book and then he watched a movie. | Have you ever seen this movie? |
| **Repeated actions** | **Result** |
| He went to the cinema. | She has already watched this movie. |

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| TIME PHRASES | |
| yesterday | ever / never |
| . . . ago | for / since |
| last . . . | just |
| in 1994, etc. | already |
| in the 18th century, etc. | yet |
| in July, etc. | so far |