

Le preterit pour éviter des événements datés

I was born on October 18, 1988 at Daniel Freeman Hospital in Inglewood, CA.



1990
I learned to swim
in my Aunt's pool.



1991
My baby sister
was born.



1994
I rode my bike
without training
wheels



1995
Our house
caught on
fire



1997
I was pitcher
for my Little
League team.

Past simple/preterit

+ : Sujet+base verbale+**ed** ou forme preterit du verbe irrégulier

- : sujet+ **didn't**+ base verbale

?:(mot interrogatif) **DID**+ SUJET+ base verbale ?

Le present perfect : **on balaie** depuis un moment précis du passé **jusqu'à maintenant**, pour faire le bilan, faire un constat, mesurer un impact sur la situation présente

Present perfect



+ : Sujet+ **have/has**+ participe passé du verbe

-: Sujet+ **haven't /hasn't** + participe passé du verbe

?: (mot interrogatif) **+have/has** + sujet + participe passé du verbe ?

past simple vs present perfect

be interested in

He **has been** interested in robotics for 10 years
(he is still interested in it)

When he was 10 (years old) he **was** interested
in robots

change

Last week he **changed** job
Have you ever **changed** job?

leave

I haven't seen him since Christmas
Has he **left** the company?

When **did** he leave the company ?
He **left** 2 weeks ago

Spend

How long **have** you **spent** connecting the
machine ?

Yesterday we **spent** the whole morning
repairing the robot.