

Grammar present perfect and simple past

4 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 I've lived in this part of Melbourne *for two years / in 2005*.
- 2 My sister's been a music teacher *in 2000 / since 2000*.
- 3 I haven't seen my cousins *for 1995 / since 1995*.
- 4 We went to Japan *since three years / three years ago*.
- 5 Have you seen her *yesterday / today*?
- 6 I've worked in this office *since two years / for two years*.
- 7 We've started dance classes *last month / this month*.
- 8 My parents saw the show *in February / since February*.

5 Complete the sentences with the present perfect or simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 Our teacher _____ never _____ (go) to France.
- 2 My piano lesson _____ (start) at ten o'clock.
- 3 _____ you ever _____ (see) a musical?
- 4 She _____ (not work) yesterday because she was very tired.
- 5 My brother _____ (get) married two weeks ago.
- 6 We _____ already _____ (read) this book.

6 Complete the conversation with the present perfect or simple past form of these verbs.

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| do | enjoy | go | not be |
| have | open | hear | not see |

- A: What ¹ _____ you _____ over the weekend?
B: I ² _____ to a concert.
A: Lucky you! I ³ _____ a band play live for years.
B: This was a band called The Dotcoms.
⁴ _____ you _____ of them?
A: No. ⁵ _____ you _____ the concert?
B: Yes. It was amazing! I ⁶ _____ a great time.
A: Wow! Where was it?
B: It was at the new concert hall. It ⁷ _____ last month.
A: Oh, I ⁸ _____ there. Is it nice inside?
B: It's great!

PAST SIMPLE

Specific times in the past

yesterday, five minutes ago, in 2000, the other day, last month

Examples:

I went to the park yesterday.
I studied in China in 2010.

PRESENT PERFECT

Vague times in the past

ever/never, not yet, already, so far, to date, till now, up to the present

Examples:

I've **never** gone to the park.
I haven't been to China **yet**.