

Present perfect

We use past simple to talk about:

1/ Finished actions in the past

He **went** to the amusement **park last Sunday**.

2/ Actions in a definite time in the past

They first sang on stage in **2010**.

3/ Series of finished actions

First he **read** the book, **then** he **watched** the movie.

We use present perfect to talk about:

1/ Unfinished action

He has gone to the amusement park **since last Tuesday.**

2/ Indefinite time

I have sung on stage.

3/ Experience or results

She has visited this art gallery **three times**.

Someone has painted the mural. **It's still wet.**

Exercise 1. Circle the correct answer.

- 1.** Where _____ this morning? I tried to call you but your phone was off.
have you been were you
- 2.** _____ here since I left school.
worked have worked
- 3.** Oh no! I _____ my phone. Have you seen it anywhere?
have lost lost
- 4.** I _____ a cake. It's in the kitchen if you'd like a piece.
made have made
- 5.** 'How long _____ in London?' - 'For two years. From 2000 - 2002.'
have you lived did you live
- 6.** I _____ running twice this week.
have been went
- 7.** We _____ twenty years ago.
got married have married
- 8.** I've been to Europe once. It _____ in 1995.
has been was
- 9.** There _____ an accident in the town centre and the road is closed to traffic.
was has been
- 10.** '_____ to Australia?'
'No, never.'
Did you ever go Have you ever been
- 11.** _____ lunch yet? We're going to the canteen if you'd like to join us.
Have you had Did you have

Exercise 2. Fill in the blank.

1. The young man (never / be) to Paris, but he (read) a book about this city last year.
2. you (decide) where to go yet?
3. A: Have some tea, please.
B: No, thank you. I (just / have) two cups of tea.
4. Susan (do) her homework before 10 o'clock but Jane (not / write) a word until now.
5. Her mother (buy) her a pair of new shoes yesterday.
6. The Prime Minister (leave) for the USA an hour ago.
7. A: the plane (land)?
B: Yes, it (land) ten minutes ago.
8. It (not / rain) for a long time.
9. you (see) my dog? It (run away) this morning.
10. We (meet) at a party a long time ago, but I (not / see) her since then.
11. I (see) an interesting book in a bookshop yesterday, but I (not / buy) it.

Exercise 3. Are the underlined parts of these sentences right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

1. I've lost my key. I can't find it anywhere. 
2. Have you eaten a lot of sweets when you were a child?  ...Did you eat ...
3. I've bought a new car. You must come and see it.
4. I've bought a new car last week.
5. Where have you been yesterday evening?
6. Lucy has left school in 1999.
7. I'm looking for Mike. Have you seen him?
8. "Have you been to Paris?" "Yes, many times."
9. I'm very hungry. I haven't eaten much today.
10. When has this book been published?