

## Past Simple vs Present Perfect – Practice 1

**Complete the sentences with the past simple or present perfect simple form.**

1. When I first \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to London, I \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) with an old school friend.
2. I've \_\_\_\_\_ (never / met) a couple that get on as well as my aunt and uncle.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / know) that it's common for mothers to live with their elder son and daughter-in-law in my culture?
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) round to visit my sister and brother-in-law on Friday but they \_\_\_\_\_ (not / be) in.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (already / book) my summer holiday. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) such a good time last year that I'm going to the same place!
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / see) Jo this morning? I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / think) she looked very well yesterday.
7. How many different parts of the city \_\_\_\_\_ (they / live) in so far?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Neil really nervous when he \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) his birth mother for the first time?

**Write complete sentences with the words using the past simple or present perfect simple form.**

1. you / ever / see / such a beautiful horse / ?

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2. he / not speak / to anyone / since the weekend / .

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3. you / like / the book / I / send / you / ?

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4. you / love / animals / since / you / be / a child / ?

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5. an acquaintance of mine / just / recommend / a good Thai restaurant / .

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6. how long / you two / be / friends / ?

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**Choose the best response or ending.**

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| 1. Why did he run away?<br>a. Because he saw a ghost.<br>b. Because he has been seeing a ghost.                      | 4. What happened when they heard the news?<br>a. They've decided to have a party.<br>b. They decided to have a party.                            |
| 2. He's just rung and ...<br>a. he's coming now.<br>b. he's been coming.   | 5. Where have you been living all this time?<br>a. I stayed with an old friend.<br>b. With an old friend, but I've just found a place of my own. |
| 3. Are they still working hard on the house?<br>a. No, they've just finished.<br>b. No, they've just been finishing. |  |