

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE VS. PAST SIMPLE

1) 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? _____
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? _____

2) Make sentences from the words in brackets. Use the present perfect or the past simple.

1. (it / not / rain / this week) _____
2. (the weather / be / cold / recently) _____
3. (it / cold / last week) _____
4. (I / not / read / a newspaper yesterday) _____
5. (I / not / read / a newspaper today) _____
6. (Emily / earn / a lot of money / this year) _____
7. (She / not / earn / so much / last year) _____
8. (You / have / a holiday recently?) _____

3) Put the verb into the more suitable form, present perfect simple or past simple.

1. I don't know where Lisa is. _____ (you / see) her?
2. When I _____ (get) home last night, I _____ (be) very tired and I _____ (go) straight to bed.
3. A: _____ (you / finish) painting the bedroom?
B: Not yet. I'll finish it tomorrow.
4. George _____ (not / be) very well last week.
5. Mr Clark _____ (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then he gave it up.
6. Molly lives in Dublin. She _____ (live) there all her life.
7. A: _____ (you / go) to the cinema last night?
B: Yes, but it _____ (be) a mistake. The film _____ (be) awful.
8. My grandfather _____ (die) before I was born. I _____ (never / meet) him.
9. I don't know Carol's husband. I _____ (never / meet) him.