Present Perfect vs Simple Past

Structure	Simple Past	Present Perfect
Affirmative	Subject + past verb *I **visited** my friend.*	Subject + have/has + past participle *I **have visited** my friend.*
Negative	Subject + did not (didn't) + base verb *I **didn't visit** my friend.*	Subject + haven't/hasn't + past participle *I **haven't visited** my friend.*
Question	Did + subject + base verb? ***Did** you **visit** your friend?*	Have/Has + subject + past participle? ***Have you visited** your friend?*
Time words	yesterday, last night, ago, in 2020	ever, never, already, yet, just
Use	Finished past actions (we know when)	Experience / no exact time / result now

Trip to the Beach

I **have traveled** to the beach many times in my life. I really love the ocean and the warm weather. Last year, I **went** to San Andrés with my family. We **stayed** in a small hotel near the beach, and every morning we **walked** by the sea. We **swam** every day and took many photos. One day, we **visited** a beautiful island and ate fresh fish. I **have** never **seen** water so blue before! It **was** an amazing experience, and I **have** always **wanted** to go back since then.

A New Dish

I **have tried** many new foods in my life, but one experience **was** very special. Last month, I **tried** sushi for the first time with my friends. At first, I **felt** a little nervous because I had never eaten raw fish before. We **went** to a small restaurant, and we **ordered** different types of sushi. I **tasted** it, and I really liked it! I **discovered** new flavors, and I **enjoyed** the experience. I **have** never **eaten** something so different before, and now I want to try it again.

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Exercise 1: Choose the correct option

1. They **(bought / have bought)** a new car two days ago.
2. I **(lost / have lost)** my keys! I can't find them anywhere.
3. **(Did you go / Have you gone)** to Paris when you were a child?
4. She **(lived / has lived)** in London for three years now; she loves it there.
5. We **(didn't see / haven't seen)** him at the party last night.

Exercise 2: Fill in the blanks using the verb in parentheses in the correct tense.

1. I _____ (finish) my homework an hour ago.
2. He _____ (write) three books so far in his career.
3. We _____ (not / be) to that new Italian restaurant yet.
4. My brother _____ (break) his leg while skiing last winter.
5. _____ you ever _____ (swim) with dolphins?

Exercise 3: Each sentence below has one mistake. Can you find it and fix it?

1. I have seen that film last Monday. *Correction:*
   _____
2. She has went to the supermarket to buy some milk. *Correction:*
   _____
3. Did you ever eat octopus? *Correction:*
   _____

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