PRESENT PERFECT VS. PAST SIMPLE

Name: _____ Class: _____

The main difference lies in when the action happened and if it has a connection to the present.

1. Past Simple: The "Finished" Past

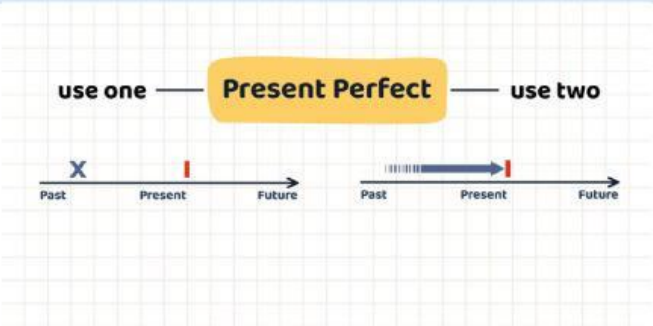
We use it for actions that started and finished at a specific time in the past. It's like a point on a timeline.

- Focus: On when the action happened.
- Keywords: yesterday, last night, two weeks ago, in 2010, when I was young.
- Structure: Subject + Verb-ed (or irregular form).
- Example: I saw a movie last night. (The night is over; the action is finished).

2. Present Perfect: The "Unfinished" Past

We use it for actions that happened at an unspecified time or actions that started in the past and continue now.

- Focus: On the experience or the result in the present.
- Keywords: for, since, already, yet, ever, never, just, so far.
- Structure: Subject + Have / Has + Past Participle.
- Example: I have seen that movie three times. (In my whole life, up to now).



Instructions: Each sentence contains one mistake. Underline it and write the correct word(s).

1. I have visited my grandparents last Sunday. _____
2. We lived in this house for ten years and we still live here. _____
3. Did you ever tried sushi before? _____
4. He hasn't finished his work yesterday. _____
5. I didn't saw the news this morning. _____
6. They have known each other since five years. _____
7. I already have eaten, so I don't want lunch. _____
8. She has gone to the bank an hour ago. _____
9. Have you arrived home late last night? _____
10. We didn't played tennis since we were at school. _____
11.

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Answer Key (For Review)
saw (Specific time: last Sunday)
have lived (Action continues now)
Have you ever tried (Life experience)
didn't finish (Specific time: yesterday)
didn't see (Auxiliary did + infinitive)
for (Duration of time)
have already eaten (Word order with already)
went (Specific time: an hour ago)
Did you arrive (Question about a specific past time)
haven't played (Action from past until now)

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