

Le Preterit et le Present Perfect

PAST SIMPLE

Form: we add "ed" to all regular verbs,

Irregular verbs must be learnt by heart.

We use the Past Simple for something in the past which is finished.

- He played tennis yesterday.
- The children went to the park this morning.

We use "did" to make questions and "didn't" for negatives. The verb stays in the base form.

- Did you see Bob yesterday?
- They didn't come to the party on Sunday.

PRESENT PERFECT

Form: has/have + past participle

We use the present perfect for an action in the past with a result now or when we talk about a time from the past until now.

- I've lost my glasses. (I can't find them now)
- I've been to Spain, but I haven't been to Portugal.

We use: hasn't/haven't + past participle for negatives:

- John hasn't seen the film.

We use: has/have + subject + past participle for questions:

- Have you seen Jane today?

Exercices :

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs:

1. I _____ (see) the twins in town last week.
2. _____ (you/ever/meet) her brother?
3. Where _____ (you/be) last weekend?
4. _____ (you/see) Kathleen?
5. We _____ (not/go) on holiday last year.
6. I love clothes. I _____ (buy) a lot this year.
7. What _____ (you/do) last weekend?

8. Dad _____ (repair) the car, you can use it now.
9. Agatha Christie _____ (live) from 1890 to 1976.
10. Granny still _____ (not/find) her glasses.
11. Where _____ (you/buy) your laptop?
12. Oh! You _____ (paint) the kitchen, I like the colour.
13. What time _____ (you/get) home last night?
14. Emma! Your letter _____ (arrive) at last!
15. The weather _____ (be) good all week.
16. I _____ (finish) work early yesterday.
17. Sue's not here, she _____ (go) out.
18. The weather _____ (not/be) very good last week.
19. We _____ (be) to the cinema twice this month.
20. Brian _____ (live) in England until the age of 14.
21. Look! I _____ a new tie (to buy).
22. She _____ in this school for ten years, she likes it very much (to teach).
23. Ireland _____ a republic since 1922. (to be)

Traduire:

1. Quelqu'un a-t-il lu ce livre ? Oui, moi.
2. Etes-vous allé en Nouvelle-Zélande ? J'y suis né.
3. Nous nous connaissons depuis dix ans. Nous avons fait connaissance quand nous étions étudiants à Cambridge.
4. Il n'y a pas eu de difficulté jusqu'à présent.
5. Graham est très heureux, il vient juste de réussir à son examen.
6. Qu'avez-vous fait dimanche ? Nous sommes allés à la campagne. Nous avons toujours aimé la campagne.