

# PRESENT PERFECT VS PAST SIMPLE

Complete the table with the correct verb forms.

Infinitive	Past simple	Past participle
sleep		
		spoken
	taught	
buy		
	stood	
		hidden
	drank	
know		
		grown
wear		

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I've known Linda \_\_\_\_\_.  
a in 2005      b since 2005
- 2 She didn't go on holiday \_\_\_\_\_.  
a last year      b this year
- 3 \_\_\_\_ did you try to apply for this job?  
a When      b How long
- 4 They didn't manage to find the lost key \_\_\_\_\_.  
a so far      b after all
- 5 Paul has been in hospital \_\_\_\_\_.  
a for three weeks      b three weeks ago

Complete the table with the time expressions below.  
Some expressions can be used in both tenses

this morning    so far this year    in 2015    a few months ago    since she was a kid    recently  
for two months    then    after that    When ...?    in the last few days    How long ...?    ever

Present Perfect	Past Simple	BOTH

Choose the correct options.

- 1 Kate *has worked* / *worked* for the same company for ten years. She loves it there.
- 2 When *has your uncle retired* / *did your uncle retire*?
- 3 Jack *hasn't met* / *didn't meet* any of my colleagues yet, but he will on Friday.
- 4 My brother *has done* / *did* an apprenticeship in 2015 to become an electrician.
- 5 Coco Chanel (1883–1971) was a fashion designer. She *has designed* / *designed* elegant clothes for French women, and *introduced* / *has introduced* a very successful brand of perfume.
- 6 My dad *has changed* / *changed* jobs three times in the last few years.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect or the past simple.

- 1 A Why do you look so happy, John?  
B I \_\_\_\_\_ (*just / buy*) a new laptop.
- 2 Pete \_\_\_\_\_ (*arrive*) almost half an hour ago. He \_\_\_\_\_ (*be*) in his study since then.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (*you / have*) breakfast or shall we get something to eat?
- 4 My computer \_\_\_\_\_ (*break*) down. Can you help me repair it?
- 5 Steven \_\_\_\_\_ (*have*) an accident last year. His car \_\_\_\_\_ (*hit*) a tree.
- 6 Tom \_\_\_\_\_ (*work*) as a teacher for four years in the 1990s.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (*you / visit*) any interesting places when you were in Sweden?
- 8 Diana \_\_\_\_\_ (*not have*) even a day off since the beginning of the year.
- 9 Tina is a flight attendant. She \_\_\_\_\_ (*visit*) twenty countries so far during her career.
- 10 Do you know that Harry and Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (*know*) each other for ten years?

→ Write negative sentences and questions.

1 He has applied for a job as a waiter at a café.

a

b What kind of job \_\_\_\_\_?

2 Kevin left three hours ago.

a

b When \_\_\_\_\_?

3 They've given me a nice present.

a

b \_\_\_\_\_?

4 She rang at midnight.

a

b \_\_\_\_\_?

Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

1 How many novels *did Charles Dickens write / has Charles Dickens written*?

2 *Were you ever / Have you ever been* to New York?

3 George *has found / found* a new job recently, and he seems thrilled.

4 Monica *has been / was* interested in photography since her childhood.

5 Oh, no! I *forgot / have forgotten* to feed the dog.

6 Jack is an excellent chess player. He *has taken / took* part in many tournaments.

7 You *just missed / 've just missed* Rob. He *left / has left* ten minutes ago.

8 'How long *has she worked / did she work* for McDonald's?' 'She started in 2015 and left two years later.'

**Write sentences or questions, using prompts A–F.  
Then match them with mini-dialogues 1–6.**

**A** you / have / a good time / yesterday?

**B** it / stop / raining.

**C** when / I / graduate / I / work / secretary / two years.

**D** Derek / not do / chemistry project / yet.

**E** Sheila / not be / at school / last week.

**F** when / you / decide / change your job?

**1** **A** \_\_\_\_\_ **B** But he should present it tomorrow!  
Otherwise the teacher will be angry.

**2** **A** What was your first job? **B** \_\_\_\_\_

**3** **A** \_\_\_\_\_ **B** I know, she was sick.

**4** **A** \_\_\_\_\_ **B** It was two months ago, after my boss  
got angry with me.

**5** **A** Look! \_\_\_\_\_ **B** Let's go for a walk then.

**6** **A** \_\_\_\_\_ **B** Yes, the party was great!