

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.

- I've known Linda _____.
a in 2005 b since 2005
- She didn't go on holiday _____.
a last year b this year
- _____ did you try to apply for this job?
a When b How long
- They didn't manage to find the lost key _____.
a so far b after all
- 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!