

Past Simple vs. Present Perfect

1. Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in past simple or present perfect.

1. She loves Paris. She (be) there many times.
2. Bill (work) in that company for 3 years. (He still works there).
3. They (go) to London on holiday last summer.
4. I (read) that book. It's good.
5. His parents (be) here yesterday.
6. They (go) to Germany when he (be) only 4.
7. you (watch) any film last night?
8. I (have) a couple of toasts for breakfast this morning.
9. He (live) in Rome since he was a teenager.
10. The house looks different. you (paint) it?
11. I (not see) you in class last Friday.
12. Shakespeare (write) over one hundred sonnets.

2. Say if the following sentences are right or wrong. Correct them if necessary.

1. Have you ever been to Thailand?
2. I've had sausages for lunch at half past one.
3. She's enjoyed herself at the party last night.
4. I've read that book but I didn't like it much.
5. Tom has left school one year ago.
6. My cousins have lived in Dublin since they've been children.
7. We have worked here for a year and a half.
8. My parents lived in Britain for a couple of years.
9. James has made a cake yesterday.
10. I've washed the car. It looks great now.

3. Complete the sentences with a verb from the box in present perfect or past simple.

be	finish	stop	watch
not smoke	enjoy	win	live

1. She smoking two months ago.
2. She for two months.
3. you ever to Florence?
4. you that TV show last night?
5. They still live in that town. They there for ages.
6. A friend of mine the lottery three years ago.
7. When you your homework?
8. They themselves at the party last summer.

4. Write the past participle of these verbs.

1. write
2. wash
3. forget
4. break
5. make

PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE

- 1- This is my house - How long (you, live) _____ here? - I (live) _____ here since 1990.
- 2- When I (leave) _____ school, I (cut) _____ my hair and I (wear) _____ it short ever since.
- 3- Shakespeare (write) _____ a lot of plays.
- 4- My brother (just finish) _____ his second tragedy. He (also write) _____ some short stories.
- 5- I (write) _____ the letter but I can't find a stamp.
- 6- Here are your shoes. I (just clean) _____ them.
- 7- We (miss) _____ the bus. Now, we will have to walk.
- 8- I (not see) _____ him today, but he (tell) _____ Mary that he would be here for dinner.

PAST SIMPLE OR PRESENT PERFECT

- Complete the sentences with the correct tense:

John: (you / play / already) _____ the new computer game?



Sue: No, not yet. I only (buy) _____ it yesterday and I (have / not) _____ the time yet.

John: And (you / go) _____ to the cinema last night?



Sue: Yes. I (be) _____ there with Sue and Louis. (you / be) _____ to the cinema recently?

John: I last (go) _____ to the cinema two weeks ago.

Sue: So you (see / not) _____ the new action film yet.

John: No, unfortunately not. (you / enjoy) _____ it?

Sue: Oh, I really (love) _____ it. But Sue (like / not) _____ it.

John: But why (you / take) _____ her with you? She (tell) _____ me last week that she hates action films.

