

Present perfect tenses versus past simple tense

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Exercise 1: Multiple Choice

Choose the correct form (Past Simple or Present Perfect).

1. I _____ (visit) New York several times.
 - a) visited
 - b) have visited
2. They _____ (move) to London last year.
 - a) moved
 - b) have moved
3. She _____ (finish) her homework an hour ago.
 - a) finished
 - b) has finished
4. I _____ (never/see) such a beautiful sunset.
 - a) never saw
 - b) have never seen
5. He _____ (buy) a new car last month.
 - a) bought
 - b) has bought
6. We _____ (know) each other since 2010.
 - a) knew
 - b) have known
7. I _____ (meet) him yesterday at the party.
 - a) met
 - b) have met
8. My parents _____ (be) to Japan three times.

- a) were
- b) have been

9. They _____ (study) English for five years.

- a) studied
- b) have studied

10. She _____ (graduate) from college in 2018.

- a) graduated
- b) has graduated

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Exercise 2: Gap Fill

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb (Past Simple or Present Perfect).

1. I _____ (eat) lunch already.
 2. They _____ (live) in Paris for three years.
 3. She _____ (visit) Rome last summer.
 4. He _____ (not finish) his project yet.
 5. We _____ (attend) the concert yesterday.
 6. I _____ (read) that book many times.
 7. They _____ (start) the company five years ago.
 8. She _____ (just/arrive) at the office.
 9. He _____ (meet) his friend last weekend.
 10. We _____ (not see) that movie before.
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Exercise 3: Sentence Transformation

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Rewrite the sentences using the correct tense (Past Simple or Present Perfect).

1. I have known John since we were kids. (last year)
→ I _____ (know) John last year.
 2. She has never been to India. (last year)
→ She _____ (go) to India last year.
 3. They have already eaten dinner. (yesterday)
→ They _____ (eat) dinner yesterday.
 4. He has just left the office. (this morning)
→ He _____ (leave) the office this morning.
 5. We have worked here since 2015. (two years ago)
→ We _____ (work) here two years ago.
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Exercise 4: True or False

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. "I have seen that movie last week."
2. "She has already finished her homework."
3. "They visited Spain three times."
4. "I have known him for five years."
5. "We went to the concert yesterday."
6. "He has bought a car last month."
7. "They have never traveled to Japan."
8. "I saw her this morning at the café."

9. "We have lived in London in 2010."

10. "She has just called me."

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Exercise 5: Fill in the Blanks (Key Words)

Complete the sentences using the correct key word: **for, since, just, already, yet, ever, never, last, ago.**

1. I haven't seen her _____ last week.
 2. He has _____ finished his report.
 3. We've been friends _____ ten years.
 4. She moved to this city three months _____.
 5. Have you _____ been to Paris?
 6. I haven't finished my assignment _____.
 7. They have lived in this house _____ 2005.
 8. I _____ saw him at the mall yesterday.
 9. She hasn't _____ tried sushi before.
 10. He bought that car _____ year.
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Exercise 6: Multiple Choice (Past Time

Expressions) Choose the correct option to complete the sentence.

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1. She _____ (buy) a new dress last week.
 - a) bought
 - b) has bought
2. They _____ (be) married for 10 years.
 - a) were
 - b) have been
3. I _____ (see) that movie yesterday.
 - a) saw
 - b) have seen
4. He _____ (not call) me yet.
 - a) didn't call
 - b) hasn't called
5. We _____ (visit) our grandparents last weekend.
 - a) visited
 - b) have visited
6. She _____ (not finish) her work already.
 - a) didn't finish
 - b) hasn't finished
7. They _____ (live) in Japan for five years.
 - a) lived
 - b) have lived
8. I _____ (not see) her since last month.
 - a) didn't see
 - b) haven't seen

9. He _____ (be) a doctor for 15 years.

- a) was
- b) has been

10. They _____ (arrive) two days ago.

- a) arrived
- b) have arrived

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Exercise 7: Correct the Mistakes

Each sentence has a mistake. Correct it.

1. I have seen her yesterday.
 2. He has finished his homework an hour ago.
 3. They have been to London last summer.
 4. We didn't saw him this morning.
 5. She already ate dinner.
 6. They've lived here last year.
 7. I never saw that movie.
 8. She didn't went to the party yesterday.
 9. He have bought a new car last week.
 10. We has worked here since 2010.
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Exercise 8: Sentence Matching

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Match the beginnings of the sentences (1-5) with their endings (a-e).

1. I've known him...
2. She has just...
3. We went to Paris...
4. They haven't seen...
5. He has lived here...

- a) for two years.
 - b) yesterday.
 - c) their cousins in years.
 - d) since high school.
 - e) finished her homework.
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Exercise 9: Choose the Correct Option

Choose the correct tense (Past Simple or Present Perfect).

1. We _____ (move/moved) here last year.
2. I _____ (have eaten/ate) sushi before.
3. He _____ (lived/has lived) in Spain for two years.
4. They _____ (visit/visited) the museum yesterday.
5. She _____ (has already done/already did) her homework.
6. We _____ (have never seen/never saw) that movie before.
7. He _____ (was/has been) to Japan several times.

8. They _____ (went/have gone) to the party last weekend.

9. I _____ (haven't called/didn't call) her yet.

10. We _____ (have worked/worked) together since 2015.

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Exercise 10: Gap Fill (Specific vs Non-Specific Time)

Complete the sentences with either **Past Simple** or **Present Perfect**.

1. They _____ (visit) France in 2018.

2. I _____ (just/finish) my homework.

3. We _____ (live) here for five years.

4. She _____ (start) her new job two weeks ago.

5. He _____ (never/try) sushi before.

6. I _____ (meet) him at the conference last year.

7. They _____ (move) to London recently.

8. We _____ (not see) her since last Monday.

9. She _____ (graduate) from university in 2020.

10. He _____ (already/see) that movie.

Correct answers:

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Exercise 1:

1. b) have visited
2. a) moved
3. a) finished
4. b) have never seen
5. a) bought
6. b) have known
7. a) met
8. b) have been
9. b) have studied
10. a) graduated

Exercise 2:

1. have eaten
2. have lived
3. visited
4. has not finished
5. attended
6. have read
7. started
8. has just arrived
9. met
10. have not seen

Exercise 3:

1. knew
2. went
3. ate
4. left
5. worked

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Exercise 4:

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. True
6. False
7. True
8. True
9. False
10. True

Exercise 5:

1. since
2. just
3. for
4. ago
5. ever
6. yet
7. since

8. never
9. never
10. last



Exercise 6:

1. a) bought
2. b) have been
3. a) saw
4. b) hasn't called
5. a) visited
6. b) hasn't finished
7. b) have lived
8. b) haven't seen
9. b) has been
10. a) arrived

Exercise 7:

1. I saw her yesterday.
2. He finished his homework an hour ago.
3. They went to London last summer.
4. We didn't see him this morning.
5. She has already eaten dinner.
6. They lived here last year.
7. I have never seen that movie.
8. She didn't go to the party yesterday.
9. He bought a new car last week.
10. We have worked here since 2010.

Exercise 8:

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- 1 - d) since high school.
- 2 - e) finished her homework.
- 3 - b) yesterday.
- 4 - c) their cousins in years.
- 5 - a) for two years.

Exercise 9:

- 1. moved
- 2. have eaten
- 3. has lived
- 4. visited
- 5. has already done
- 6. have never seen
- 7. has been
- 8. went
- 9. haven't called
- 10. have worked

Exercise 10:

- 1. visited
- 2. have just finished
- 3. have lived
- 4. started
- 5. has never tried
- 6. met
- 7. have moved

8. have not seen

9. graduated

10. has already seen

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