

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?

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.

GRAMMAR

Present Perfect vs. Past Simple

Complete the sentences with the Present Perfect or the Past Simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. Ouch! I can't walk! I think I _____ (just / break) my foot.
2. George and Katy _____ (not do) the shopping last Saturday.
3. Sorry Ms. Coughlan, I _____ (not finish) my homework yet.
4. Helen _____ (not swim) for a while as she _____ (break) her arm in a basketball match last month.
5. I _____ (live) in the same village since I _____ (be born). I love this place!
6. David _____ (just / come back) from work and he is too tired to prepare something to eat.
7. Betty isn't hungry now because she _____ (have) some chocolate biscuits an hour ago.
8. What time _____ (you / get up) this morning?
9. _____ you _____ (ever / live) in a foreign country, Robert?
10. I _____ (buy) a new pair of jeans last week, but I _____ (still / not wear) them.
11. What _____ (you / do) last night, Sarah?
12. _____ (you / see) my belt, mum? I can't find it!