

English Grammar In Use

Present Perfect and Past Simple

Present Perfect

- We use **Present Perfect** *for an action in the past* with a result *now*.
- We use **Present Perfect** when we talk about *a time from the past until now*.
- In **Present Perfect** we use **HAVE/HAS+V3**.
- We use **Present Perfect** with *ever* (in questions), *never, yet* (in negative and questions), *before, just, already, lately, so far etc.*

I've just... I've already...I haven't...

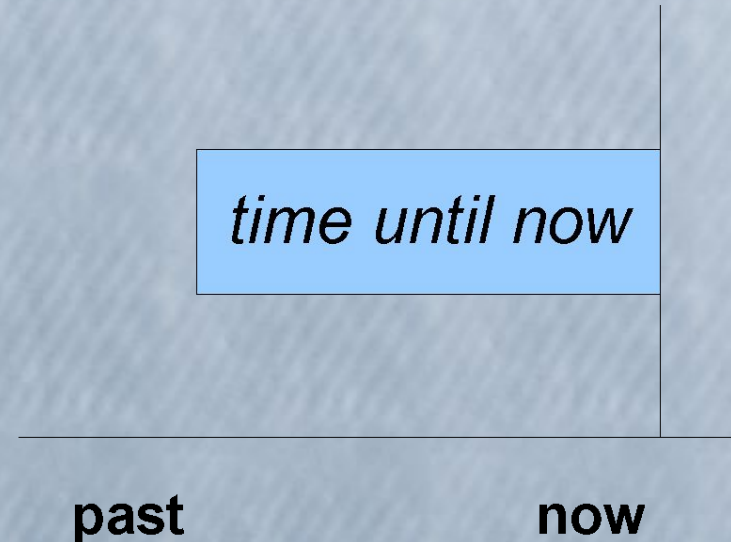
- **just** = ТОЛЬКО ЧТО
- A: Are Jane and David here?
- B: Yes, they've **just** come.
- **already** = уже
- It's only 9 o'clock and Ann has **already** gone to bed.
- **yet** (*in negative*) = ЕЩЕ НЕТ
- A: Are Diana and Paul here?
- B: No, they haven't come **yet**.

The difference between Present Perfect and Past Simple

- The **Present Perfect** is a present tense. It always tells some-thing about now.
- Tom has lost his key=
He doesn't have it now.
- The **Past Simple** tells us about the past.
- Tom **lost** his key. (*We don't know if he has it now or not.*)

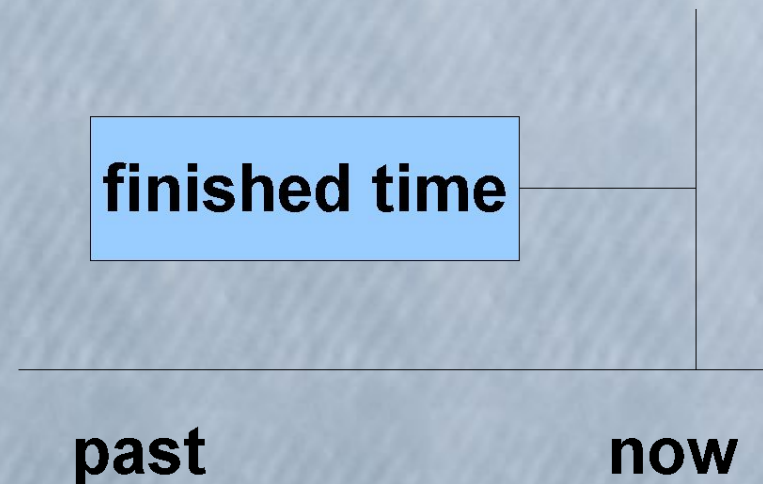
Present Perfect

- I **have lost** my key.
(I can't find it *now*)
- Bill **has gone** home.
(he isn't here *now*)
- **Have you seen**
Ann? (Where is she
now?)



Past Simple

- I lost my key last week.
- Bill went home ten minutes ago.
- Did you see Ann on Saturday?



Compare Present Perfect and Past Simple



- We use **Present Perfect** for a period of time that continues **from the past until now**.

We use **Past Simple** for a **finished time** in the past.

- **Present Perfect**

- always has connection **with now** (today, this week, since 2005)

- **Don't use Present Perfect**

- with **a finished time** (last week, yesterday etc.)

- **Past Simple**

- tells only about **the past** (yesterday, last week)

- **Use Past Simple**

- when you ask **When...?** or **What time.....?**
- when you tell about things that happened **a long time ago.**

Exercises

Right or wrong? Correct the verbs that are wrong.

1. I've lost my key. I can't find it.
2. Have you seen Ann yesterday?
3. I've finished my work at 3 o'clock.
4. I'm ready now. I've finished my work.
5. Sue isn't here. She's gone out.
6. What time have you finished your work?
7. Jim's grandmother has died in 1989.
8. Where have you been last night?

1. I've lost my key. I can't find it. Right
2. Have you seen Ann yesterday? Wrong. Did you see Ann yesterday?
3. I've finished my work at 3 o'clock. Wrong. I finished my work at 3 o'clock.
4. I'm ready now. I've finished my work. Right
5. Sue isn't here. She's gone out. Right
6. What time have you finished your work? Wrong. What time did you finish your work?
7. Jim's grandmother has died in 1989. Wrong. Jim's grandmother died in 1989.
8. Where have you been last night? Wrong. Where were you last night?

Put the verb in the **Present Perfect** or **Past Simple**

1. My friend is a writer. He (write) many books.
2. We(not/have) a holiday last year.
3. I (play) tennis yesterday afternoon.
4. What time (you/go) to bed 1st night?
5. (you/ever/meet) a famous person?
6. My hair is wet. I (just/wash) it.
7. I (wash) my hair before breakfast this morning.
8. 'Is Sonnia here?' 'No, she(not/come) yet.'

1. My friend is a writer. He **has written** many books.
2. We **didn't have** a holiday last year.
3. I **didn't play** tennis yesterday afternoon.
4. What time **did** you **go** to bed last night?
5. **Have** you **ever met** a famous person?
6. My hair is wet. I **have just washed** it.
7. I **washed** my hair before breakfast this morning.
8. 'Is Sonnia here?' 'No, she's **not come** yet.'

Make sentences from the words in brackets

A: Have you ever been to London?

B: Yes,..... (I / go / there / last year)

A: Do you like London?

B: I don't know. (I / never / there)

A: What time is Paul going out?

B: (he / already / go)

A: Paula and Sue are there.

B: Are they? (what time / they / come)

A: Has Catherine gone home?

B: Yes, (she / go / at 4 o'clock)

A: Have you ever been to London?

B: Yes, **I went there last year.**

A: Do you like London?

B: I don't know. **I have never been there.**

A: What time is Paul going out?

B: **He has already gone.**

A: Paula and Sue are there.

B: Are they? **What time did they come?**

A: Has Catherine gone home?

B: Yes, **she went at 4 o'clock.**