

THE PRESENT PERFECT OR THE PAST SIMPLE?

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Remember!

We use the present perfect to talk about a past experience. We use the past simple to talk about an action which happened at a specific time in the past, often with a time reference.

Q Have you tried the new swimming pool?

A Yes. I went there for a swim last night.



Look at two sentences and answer the questions

- ◆ **The Russians sold Alaska to the American government in 1967.**
 - ◆ **Alaska has only been an American state since 1959.**
1. Which tense is used to talk generally about a past experience?
 2. Which tense is used to give specific details about a past action?

Present perfect or past simple

1. Boris ____ (already/see) the film *The Lord of the Rings* three times.
2. Sally ____ (watch) a video last night.
3. I ____ (just/write) a letter- can you post it?
4. Maria ____ (send) a postcard to her grandmother last week.
5. James ____ (buy) some new trainers and he's very happy with them.
6. Peter ____ (run) a marathon yesterday.
7. Sarah ____ (never/go) ice skating before.

Complete the questions and answer them

- ◆ 1. What ___ (you/do) last weekend?
- ◆ 2. How many live music concerts ___ (you/go) to?
- ◆ 3. Where ___ (you/go) for your last holiday?
- ◆ 4. ___ (you/do) a parachute jump before?
- ◆ 5. ___ (you/watch) television yesterday?
- ◆ 6. Which foreign cities ___ (you/visit)?
- ◆ 7. ___ (you/ever/climb) a mountain?
- ◆ 8. What ___ (you/get) for your birthday?

Complete the sentences using the present perfect or the past simple

1. The Dixons___(live) at Winterlake Lodge in the Alaskan wilderness for many years. They___(open) their first lodge in 1983.
2. They___(come) face to face with bears more than once. One winter, a bear___(come) into the house at night,___(eat) some fruit and___(break) a window before leaving.
3. The teenage daughters___(learn) how to cook using their home-grown food.
4. Until a few years ago, they___(keep) honeybees, but the honey___(attract) too many bears!
5. Nature___(always/play) an important part in their everyday lives.
6. The family___(just/celebrate) Christmas.



Complete the news stories using the correct form of the present perfect or the past simple

1

John Buster _____(live) in a tree for thirteen years. Sadly, yesterday he _____(climb) down for the last time.

2

Yesterday, Martin Jones _____(find) a man climbing into his house. The man _____(run) away, but police say they _____(already / find) some clues.

3

Scientists say we _____(have) record temperatures so far this year. Last Tuesday _____(be) the hottest day.

Work with a partner. Ask and answer questions to find out about your experiences. Use these and your own ideas.

- ◆ go to a rock concert
- ◆ swim in the sea
- ◆ do a parachute jump
- ◆ climb a mountain
- ◆ see a wild animal
- ◆ visit a foreign country

EXAMPLE

A HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO A ROCK CONCERT?

B YES, I HAVE.

A WHEN DID YOU GO? WHO DID YOU SEE?

B I WENT TO SEE U2 LAST YEAR.