

Book: Interchange 1	Level: 7 th	Unit: 10
Objective: Using present perfect, past simple, for, since, already, and yet.		

Simple Past or Present Perfect?

Simple Past	Present Perfect
<p>The simple past is used when the time period HAS finished:</p> <p><i>I saw three movies last week.</i> (Last week is finished.)</p>	<p>The present perfect is used when the time period has NOT finished:</p> <p><i>I have seen three movies this week.</i> (This week has not finished yet.)</p>
<p>The simple past is used when giving older information:</p> <p><i>Martin crashed his car last year.</i> (This is old information.)</p>	<p>The present perfect is often used when giving recent news:</p> <p><i>Martin has crashed his car again.</i> (This is new information.)</p>
<p>The simple past is used when the time is clear:</p> <p><i>I saw that movie on Thursday.</i> (We know exactly when.)</p>	<p>The present perfect is used when the time is not specific:</p> <p><i>I have seen that movie already.</i> (We don't know when.)</p>
<p>The simple past is used with for and since, when the actions have already finished:</p> <p><i>I lived in Victoria for five years.</i> (I don't live in Victoria now.)</p>	<p>The present perfect is used with for and since, when the actions have not finished yet:</p> <p><i>I have lived in Victoria for five years.</i> (I still live in Victoria.)</p>

Practice

A- Complete with the Past Simple or the Present Perfect.

- 1- Jack _____ (live) in Boston for the past 15 years.
- 2- Janet _____ (work) for Smith and Brothers before she came to work for us.
- 3- Dad _____ (you/finish) reading the paper yet?
- 4- I would love to visit Prague sometime. Unfortunately, I _____ (be/never) there.
- 5- Peter _____ (play) tennis for five years when he _____ (be) at school.
- 6- I _____ (work) in Italy for 5 years. I _____ (begin) work as soon as I arrived.
- 7- I'm afraid I'm not hungry. I _____ (eat/already).
- 8- When Jack was at school, he _____ (learn) to play the saxophone. He _____ (play) it ever since.
- 9- Just a moment! I _____ (think) of a good idea yet!
- 10- Peter _____ (go) to Paris last year. That means that he _____ (be) to Paris 3 times!

B- Choose the best response.

- 1- I ____ English two years ago.
a. studied
b. have studied
- 2- Frank ____ English for a long time.
a. studied
b. has studied
- 3- My father ____ in Korea during the war.
a. lived
b. has lived

4- Lee ___ in Korea all his life. He's happy living in Seoul.

- a. lived
- b. has lived

5- ___ you ___ your homework yet? It's getting late.

- a. Did...did
- b. Have...finished

6- ___ you ever ___ in a limousine? When my sister got married, we rode in one.

- a. Did...work
- b. Have...ridden

7- Sylvia and Mary ___ each other since they were children.

- a. knew
- b. have known

8- Sylvia ___ Mary at school. They were in the same class.

- a. met
- b. has met

9- Mary ___ friends with Sylvia immediately.

- a. made
- b. has made

10- Sylvia and Mary are old ladies now, but they ___ friends for all these years.

- a. remained
- b. have remained