

Book: Passages 1

Level: 10th

Unit: 6

Objective: Using the simple past and the present perfect correctly.

## Simple Past or Present Perfect?

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

## Practice

I- 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!

II- 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

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