



Present Perfect and Past Simple

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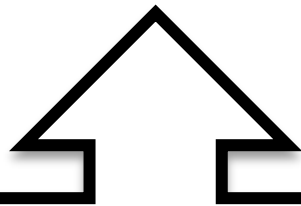
Past Simple vs Present Perfect

Do you know when you have to use
the **Past Simple** or
the **Present Perfect**?



Past Simple vs Present Perfect

Susan **rode** her bike to school *yesterday*.



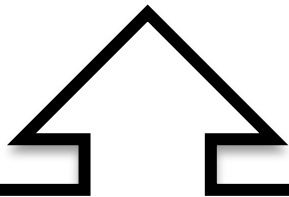
When we mention **when** an action in the past took place, we use the **Past Simple**.



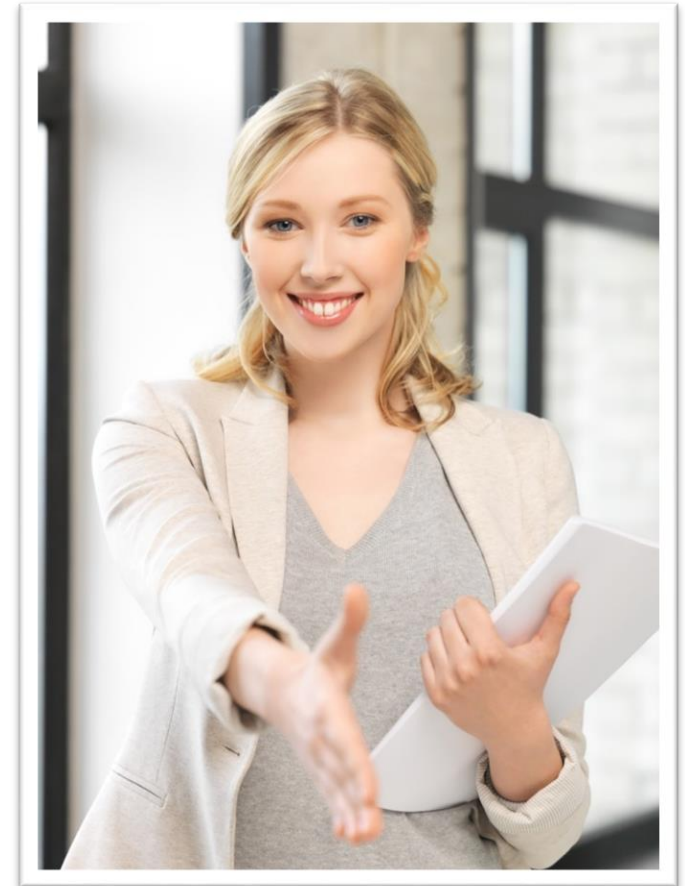
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Jessica **worked** as a secretary for 2 years.

Now she is a manager.



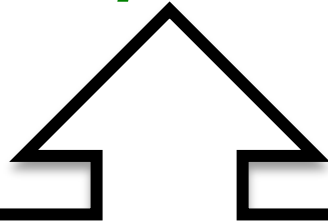
When we refer to an action that is **no longer true in the present but that was true in the past**, we use the **Past Simple**.



Past Simple vs Present Perfect

Peter **has worked** as a pilot for 2 years.

He is still a pilot.

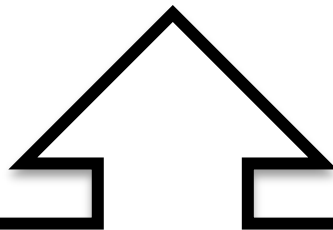


When we refer to an action that began in the past and is **STILL true in the present** we use the **Present Perfect**.

Past Simple vs Present Perfect

I **have made** a pizza.

We don't know when...

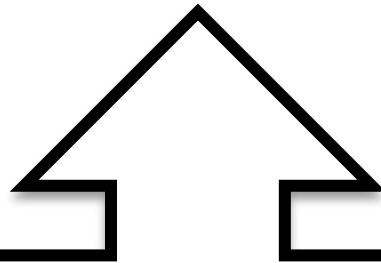


To describe an action that happened at an **unspecific time** in the past (we don't know when), we use the **Present Perfect**.



Past Simple vs Present Perfect

They **have been** to London
several times, this year.



To describe an action that
**happened in the past but which
is still true in the present,** we
use the **Present Perfect.**



Present Perfect: you have to remember

the **VERB LIST** (the third column of the verb list)

buy - bought - bought

bring - brought - brought

feel - felt - felt

find - found - found

get - got - got

have - had - had

hear - heard - heard

leave - left - left

spend - spent - spent

take - took - taken

say - said - said

write - wrote - written

be - was/were - been

break - broke - broken

come - came - come

go - went - gone

give - gave - given

see - saw - seen

Past Simple or Present Perfect?



We _____ to
Paris last year.

went

have gone

Explanation: Specific time in the past – **last year**

Past Simple or Present Perfect?



John _____ at
this school for
10 years. He
likes his job.

worked

has worked

Explanation: Starts in the past and continues in the present

Past Simple or Present Perfect?



I _____
shopping several
times this week.

went

have gone

Explanation: Unspecific time, more than once

Past Simple or Present Perfect?



I _____ many
postcards
yesterday.

bought

have bought

Explanation: Specific time in the past – **yesterday**

Past Simple or Present Perfect?



Jack _____
these jeans when
he was in London.

bought

has bought

Explanation: Specific time in the past – **when he was in London**

Past Simple or Present Perfect?



They _____ from
Paris last week.

returned

have returned

Explanation: Specific time in the past – **last week**

Past Simple or Present Perfect?



We _____ each other for a long time.

knew

have known

Explanation: A period of time that started in the past and continues in the present

Past Simple or Present Perfect?



_____ you ever
_____ to London?

Did... be

Have... been

Explanation: Unspecific time – **ever**

Past Simple or Present Perfect?



_____ you _____
to sleep late
last night?

Did... go

Have... gone

Explanation: Specific time in the past – **last night**

Past Simple or Present Perfect?



The Turners
_____ to
Lisbon in April.

moved

have moved

Explanation: Specific time in the past – **in April**

Past Simple or Present Perfect?



Oh... where's my
phone? I _____
my cell phone!

lost

have lost

Explanation: Unspecific time