

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE vs PAST SIMPLE

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<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">FOR, SINCE</p> <p>For a period of time still continuing</p> <p>“I’ve lived in Granada FOR four years” (I still live here in Gr.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">FOR</p> <p>For a period of time which is finished</p> <p>“I lived in Granada FOR four years” (I don’t live here now)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Question: HOW LONG.</p> <p>“How long have you lived in Granada?” (I know you still live here)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Question: WHEN.</p> <p>“When did you live in Granada?” (It happened in the past)</p>
<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">STILL, YET</p> <p>For unfinished actions or events. (Still and Yet are <u>always negative</u> in the P.Perf)</p> <p>“I still haven’t finished it” “I haven’t finished it yet”</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">AGO</p> <p>For completed actions and events in the past</p> <p>“I finished it one hour ago”</p>
<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">JUST</p> <p>For events that happened in the recent past.</p> <p>“Flight 205 has JUST landed” or “Flight 205 has landed” (In the last minutes)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>For events that happened at a particular time in the past.</p> <p>“Flight 205 landed at one o’clock”</p>
<p>When the time stated is not finished.</p> <p>“I’ve spent the morning studying English” (It’s still morning)</p>	<p>When the time stated is finished.</p> <p>“I spent the morning studying English” (It’s afternoon now)</p>
<p>With adverbs like: ALREADY, BEFORE, EVER AND NEVER.</p> <p>“I’ve done it before” “I’ve never done it” “I’ve already done it” “Nobody has ever done it”</p> <p>(Before goes after the verb)</p>	

EXERCISE (p.20.2)

Fill in the gaps with the present perfect or the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 This is only the second time I *'ve ever flown* (ever fly) in an aeroplane.
- 2 The child (sleep) from seven till seven without waking once.
- 3 Gabriella (grow) five centimetres since last month.
- 4 I (send) Ed three emails last week but he (not reply) to any of them yet.
- 5 (you learn) to play chess when you were a child?
- 6 I (buy) this bicycle five years ago and I (use) it every day since then.
- 7 How long (you have) that bad cough?
- 8 The train (just arrive), so hurry and you might catch it.
- 9 I (never see) such a beautiful rainbow before.
- 10 I (dream) about a beautiful desert island last night.
- 11 On Sunday we (meet) outside the cinema as usual.
- 12 When (you get) that jacket? I (not notice) it before.

ANSWERS

2 slept 3 has grown 4 sent; hasn't replied 5 Did you learn 6 bought; 've (have) used 7 have you had 8 's (has) just arrived 9 've (have) never seen 10 dreamt 11 met 12 did you get; haven't noticed (> Grammar, part 1)
