

PRESENT PERFECT VS. PAST SIMPLE EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Fill-in-the-Blank

Instructions: Complete each sentence by transforming the verb in parentheses into the correct form (present perfect or past simple).

1. I ____ (to finish) my homework before dinner.
 2. She ____ (to visit) Paris several times in her life.
 3. They ____ (to see) that play last Saturday.
 4. We ____ (to know) each other since high school.
 5. He ____ (to start) his internship two months ago.
 6. I ____ (to read) the novel already.
 7. Anna ____ (to complete) her assignment last night.
 8. John ____ (to live) in Madrid since 2015.
 9. We ____ (to go) to the concert last weekend.
 10. They ____ (to break) the previous record many times over the years.
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Exercise 2: Compose the Sentence

Instructions: Rearrange the jumbled words into a correct sentence. Conjugate the verb correctly. (Articles are omitted; insert the appropriate articles where needed.)

1. Jumbled:
"I / new / build / website / recently"
2. Jumbled:
"she / enjoy / last / concert / night"
3. Jumbled:
"we / just / solution / discover / during / discussion"
4. Jumbled:
"they / famous / actor / meet / before"
5. Jumbled:
"he / his / office / leave / earlier today"
6. Jumbled:
"I / lose / yesterday / my / keys"
7. Jumbled:
"we / choose / winner / finally"

8. Jumbled:
"she / her / car / drive / to / work / this morning"
9. Jumbled:
"I / just / interesting / read / article"
10. Jumbled:
"they / match / lose / last weekend"
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Exercise 3: Find the Error

Instructions: Each sentence below contains an error in the use of the present perfect or past simple. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. She has visited the museum in 2019.
 2. They have bought a new car yesterday.
 3. I have prepared dinner at 7 PM.
 4. He has attended the conference last week.
 5. They have encountered many difficulties yesterday.
 6. I just noted the changes in the document.
 7. He didn't sign the contract yet.
 8. We have driven to the countryside two days ago.
 9. They submitted the application three times.
 10. At noon, I have decided to take a break.
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Exercise 4: Multiple Choice

Instructions: Choose the sentence that correctly uses the present perfect or past simple form.

1. I ____ an email from the client this morning.
a) have received b) received c) receive d) has received
2. She ____ the report before the meeting.
a) prepared b) has prepared c) prepared has d) prepares
3. They ____ the problem after several attempts.
a) solves b) has solved c) solve d) solved

4. We ____ our performance over the last quarter.
a) improve b) have improved c) has improved d) improves
 5. He ____ the conference last year.
a) organized b) has organized c) organize d) organizes
 6. I ____ to my colleague after the meeting.
a) apologizes b) apologize c) has apologized d) apologized
 7. They ____ the error during the audit.
a) discovers b) has discovered c) discovered d) discover
 8. She ____ her skills over the past year.
a) enhances b) have enhanced c) has enhanced d) enhance
 9. We ____ a charity event in 2018.
a) coordinates b) coordinate c) has coordinated d) coordinated
 10. He ____ the project, and now he feels relieved.
a) accomplishes b) has accomplished c) have accomplished d) accomplish
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Exercise 5: Compose the Sentence

Instructions: For each question, select one option from each bullet point and write a complete sentence using the correct form of the verb (present perfect or past simple). (Articles are omitted; insert appropriate articles where needed.)

1.
 - Subject: I / We
 - Verb: explain
 - Complement: results clearly
 - Time Phrase: since the experiment ended

2.

- Subject: He / She
- Time Phrase: just
- Verb: demonstrate
- Complement: new technique in the workshop

3.

- Subject: They
- Verb: analyze
- Complement: data thoroughly
- Time Phrase: over the past month

4.

- Subject: We
- Verb: record
- Complement: temperature fluctuations
- Time Phrase: since morning

5.

- Subject: I
- Verb: report
- Complement: incident
- Time Phrase: to the supervisor yesterday

6.

- Subject: She
- Verb: confirm
- Complement: reservation
- Time Phrase: for tomorrow two times

7.

- Subject: They
- Verb: justify
- Complement: their decision
- Time Phrase: with proper evidence last week

8.

- Subject: He
- Verb: investigate
- Complement: case
- Time Phrase: for the past three days

9.

- Subject: We
- Verb: anticipate
- Complement: challenges
- Time Phrase: before we launched

10.

- Subject: You
- Time Phrase: already
- Verb: recommend
- Complement: new strategy
- Time Phrase: to the management



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PRESENT PERFECT VS. PAST SIMPLE SOLUTIONS

Exercise 1: Fill-in-the-Blank

1. I **finished** my homework before dinner.
 2. She **has visited** Paris several times in her life.
 3. They **saw** that play last Saturday.
 4. We **have known** each other since high school.
 5. He **started** his internship two months ago.
 6. I **have read** the novel already.
 7. Anna **completed** her assignment last night.
 8. John **has lived** in Madrid since 2015.
 9. We **went** to the concert last weekend.
 10. They **have broken** the previous record many times over the years.
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Exercise 2: Compose the Sentence

1. **Correct Answer:** I have built a new website recently.
 2. **Correct Answer:** She enjoyed the concert last night.
 3. **Correct Answer:** We have just discovered a solution during the discussion.
 4. **Correct Answer:** They have met a famous actor before.
 5. **Correct Answer:** He left his office earlier today.
 6. **Correct Answer:** I lost my keys yesterday.
 7. **Correct Answer:** We have finally chosen the winner.
 8. **Correct Answer:** She drove her car to work this morning.
 9. **Correct Answer:** I have just read an interesting article.
 10. **Correct Answer:** They lost the match last weekend.
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Exercise 3: Find the Error

1. **Error:** She has visited the museum in 2019.
Correction: She **visited** the museum in 2019.
2. **Error:** They have bought a new car yesterday.
Correction: They **bought** a new car yesterday.
3. **Error:** I have prepared dinner at 7 PM.
Correction: I **prepared** dinner at 7 PM.

4. **Error:** He has attended the conference last week.
Correction: He **attended** the conference last week.
 5. **Error:** They have encountered many difficulties yesterday.
Correction: They **encountered** many difficulties yesterday.
 6. **Error:** I just noted the changes in the document.
Correction: I **have just noted** the changes in the document.
 7. **Error:** He didn't sign the contract yet.
Correction: He **hasn't signed** the contract yet.
 8. **Error:** We have driven to the countryside two days ago.
Correction: We **drove** to the countryside two days ago.
 9. **Error:** They submitted the application three times.
Correction: They **have submitted** the application three times.
 10. **Error:** At noon, I have decided to take a break.
Correction: At noon, I **decided** to take a break.
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Exercise 4: Multiple Choice

1. I ____ an email from the client this morning.
Correct Answer: **b) received**
2. She ____ the report before the meeting.
Correct Answer: **a) prepared**
3. They ____ the problem after several attempts.
Correct Answer: **d) solved**
4. We ____ our performance over the last quarter.
Correct Answer: **b) have improved**
5. He ____ the conference last year.
Correct Answer: **a) organized**
6. I ____ to my colleague after the meeting.
Correct Answer: **d) apologized**
7. They ____ the error during the audit.
Correct Answer: **c) discovered**
8. She ____ her skills over the past year.
Correct Answer: **c) has enhanced**
9. We ____ a charity event in 2018.
Correct Answer: **d) coordinated**
10. He ____ the project, and now he feels relieved.
Correct Answer: **b) has accomplished**

Exercise 5: Compose the Sentence

1. **Possible Answer:** I have explained the results clearly since the experiment ended.
2. **Possible Answer:** She has just demonstrated a new technique in the workshop.
3. **Possible Answer:** They have analyzed the data thoroughly over the past month.
4. **Possible Answer:** We have recorded the temperature fluctuations since the morning.
5. **Possible Answer:** I reported the incident to the supervisor yesterday.
6. **Possible Answer:** She has confirmed the reservation for tomorrow two times.
7. **Possible Answer:** They justified their decision with proper evidence last week.
8. **Possible Answer:** He has investigated the case for the past three days.
9. **Possible Answer:** We anticipated the challenges before we launched.
10. **Possible Answer:** You have already recommended the new strategy to the management.



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