

PRESENT PERFECT or PAST SIMPLE? (1)

Exercise 1.

Fill the gaps with either the present perfect or the past simple.

1. Renee _____ (catch) the plane to Mexico at 10 o'clock this morning.
2. Who _____ (invent) the Internet?
3. Steve _____ (be) very low since he _____ (lose) his job a month ago.
4. When _____ (they/get) here?
5. George lives in California. He _____ (live) there for almost twenty years.
6. Pam used to work for the United Nations. She _____ (work) there for twenty years.
7. Where _____ (you/be born)?
8. _____ (you/ever/see) the Rolling Stones in concert?
9. I _____ (not/go) to the gym much lately. I don't have the time!
10. Kelly and her family _____ (move) to Scotland when she _____ (be) six.

Exercise 2.

Fill the gaps with either the present perfect or the past simple.

1. _____ (you/ever/go) to Australia?
2. Sonia _____ (go) to Cannes last weekend.
3. Martha _____ (study) Medicine when she _____ (be) at university.
4. I _____ (leave) university last year.
5. Terence _____ (be) much happier since he _____ (meet) Charlotte.
6. Mike and Katie had only known each other for three months when they _____ (decide) to get married.
7. He _____ (not/take) his English exam yet.
8. Can we see another film? I _____ (already/see) that one.
9. When _____ (he/phone)?
10. Madonna _____ (give) a concert last month in London.

Exercise 1:

1. caught
2. invented
3. has been, lost
4. did they get
5. has lived
6. worked
7. were you born
8. Have you ever seen

9. I haven't been
10. moved, was

Exercise 2:

1. Have you ever been
2. went
3. studied, was
4. left
5. has been, met
6. decided
7. hasn't taken
8. have already seen
9. did he phone
10. gave

PRESENT PERFECT or PAST SIMPLE? (2)

Exercise 1.

Fill the gaps with either the present perfect or the past simple.

1. _____ (you / see) any good films recently?
2. What time _____ the plane _____ ? (take off)
3. " _____ (you / walk) home from the disco last night?" "No, we _____ a cab." (take)
4. I _____ (learn) a great deal already in this job.
5. He _____ (work) for an advertising agency before joining this company.
6. _____ (you / ever / read) any books by George Orwell?
7. It's Sharon and Adam's silver wedding anniversary today. They _____ (be / married) for twenty five years.
8. Our train _____ (leave) five minutes ago.
9. We all _____ (get) a payrise last month.
10. This is the first time I _____ (ever / see) this film.

Exercise 2.

Fill the gaps with either the present perfect or the past simple.

1. He _____ (not buy) a new mobile phone on Saturday.
2. In the last year we _____ (have) many hurricanes. Is global warming to blame?
3. Tina's best friend _____ (have) two children since they _____ (last / see) each other.
4. She _____ (live) in Thailand for over ten years now but she _____ (still / not / master) the language.
5. Rob is the funniest guy I _____ (ever / meet).
6. I _____ (never / run) a marathon but I would like to do one next year.
7. Mary _____ (speak) Portuguese when she _____ (be) a kid but now she _____ (forget) it all.
8. When _____ (you / move) to the States?
9. Patricia _____ (drink) six cups of coffee already today.
10. Gandhi _____ (say), "Live as if you were to die today. Learn as if you were to live forever."

ANSWERS: PRESENT PERFECT or PAST SIMPLE? (2)

Exercise 1.

1. have you seen
2. did / take off
3. did you walk; took

4. have learnt
5. worked
6. have you ever read
7. have been
8. left
9. got
10. have ever seen

Exercise 2.

1. didn't buy
2. have had
3. has had; last saw
4. has lived; still has not mastered
5. have ever met
6. have never
7. spoke; was; has forgotten
8. did you move
9. has drunk
10. said