

PRACTICE

SIMPLE PAST AND PRESENT PERFECT

Exercise 1: Put the verbs in bracket into the past simple or the present perfect

1. I _____ (not/play) tennis since I was at school but I _____ (be) very good at it back then.
2. A: _____ you _____ (choose) a dress for the party yet?
B: Yes, I _____ (buy) one yesterday.
3. I think our teacher _____ (forget) about the test! He _____ (not/ say) anything about it in the last season!
4. A: _____ (you/ sell) your house yet?
B: Yes, some people _____ (see) it last month and _____ (buy) it.
5. They _____ (lose) their cat. It _____ (run) away last week.
6. _____ Helen ever _____ (try) sushi?
7. _____ you _____ (go) to the wedding last night?
8. I _____ never _____ (be) to Paris
9. This year I _____ (travel) to Athens 3 times so far.
10. Paul and Judith _____ (be) married since 1998.
11. _____ you _____ (finish) your homework yet?
12. Last night aunt Betty _____ (come) by. She _____ (tell) us that this summer they are going to Hawaii.
13. I _____ (visit) many different countries so far. Last summer I _____ (go) to Italy and 3 years ago I _____ (be) in Spain. I _____ (not/ visit) Germany yet.
14. When _____ you _____ (come) to Greece?
15. I _____ (come) in 2007.

16. _____ you _____ (watch) the film E.T. yesterday?
17. They _____ already _____ (leave) the train station
18. How long _____ you _____ (know) Jonathan?
19. I _____ (meet) him in 2009, so I _____ (know) him for 3 years
20. What _____ (happen) to Lucy last night?
21. _____ you _____ (read) "Harry Potter" when you were on holidays?

Exercise 2: Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the present perfect

- 1.A: _____ (you/ ever/ meet) anyone famous?
B: Yes, last summer I _____ (sit) next to Brad Pitt on a plane to LA.
- 2.A: How long ago _____ (you/ start) painting?
B: Ten years ago. I _____ (recently/ complete) a painting that the National Gallery _____ (ask) me to do a year ago.
3. A: Last night, I _____ (see) the latest James Bond film.
B: Oh, I _____ (already/ see) it twice.
4. A: Do you know that Mrs Janet _____ (work) here for sixteen years?
B: I thought she _____ (start) working here ten years ago.
5. I (invite) _____ them to my birthday party yesterday, however, they (not come) _____.
6. My brother (begin) _____ looking for a job in January.
7. Timson (make) _____ 13 films and I think her latest is the best.
8. She (be) _____ extremely quiet since her husband died.
9. Jane (leave) _____ just a few minutes ago.