

Present Perfect or Simple Past Tense Exercises

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Here's a comprehensive list of 100 exercises for practicing the [difference between the Present Perfect and Simple Past tenses](#). These exercises are categorized into A1, A2, B1, and B2 levels to suit various stages of English learners.

A1 Exercises

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense: Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. I ___ (visit) my grandmother last weekend.
2. She ___ (finish) her homework already.
3. We ___ (eat) lunch at 12 o'clock yesterday.
4. They ___ (never/see) that movie.
5. He ___ (be) to Paris three times.

2. Choose the correct tense: Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. I ___ (see) that movie last night.
2. She ___ (just/arrive) at the airport.
3. We ___ (live) in this town for five years.
4. They ___ (go) to the beach last summer.
5. He ___ (never/try) sushi before.

3. Rewrite the sentences in the opposite tense.

1. I have already eaten breakfast. (Simple Past)
2. She visited her aunt last week. (Present Perfect)
3. They have never been to a concert. (Simple Past)
4. We saw the new movie yesterday. (Present Perfect)
5. He has lived here since 2010. (Simple Past)

4. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. I ___ (meet) her last month.
2. She ___ (not/see) him this week.
3. We ___ (buy) a new car last year.
4. They ___ (study) English for two years.
5. He ___ (just/finish) his project.

5. Choose the correct verb form.

1. I ___ (go) to the cinema last Friday.
 - a) have gone
 - b) went
2. She ___ (write) an email just now.
 - a) has written
 - b) wrote
3. We ___ (not/visit) that museum before.
 - a) have not visited
 - b) did not visit
4. They ___ (be) on vacation last month.
 - a) have been
 - b) were
5. He ___ (already/finish) his homework.
 - a) has already finished
 - b) already finished

A2 Exercises

1. Fill in the blanks with Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. She ___ (live) in London for ten years before moving to Paris.
2. I ___ (write) a letter to my friend last week.
3. They ___ (never/meet) their neighbors before.
4. We ___ (go) to the museum two days ago.
5. He ___ (just/come) back from his trip.

2. Choose the correct tense and form.

1. I ___ (never/see) such a beautiful place before.
2. She ___ (finish) her book last night.
3. We ___ (be) at the concert last Friday.
4. They ___ (already/finish) their project.
5. He ___ (not/visit) his grandparents this month.

3. Match the sentences with the correct tense.

1. I have traveled to Italy.
2. She wrote a letter.
3. We have seen that film.
4. They went to the zoo.
5. He has eaten dinner.

a) Present Perfect b) Simple Past

4. Complete the sentences using the correct verb form.

1. I ___ (go) to the library yesterday.
2. She ___ (not/meet) him before.
3. They ___ (visit) their cousins last summer.
4. We ___ (just/arrive) at the station.
5. He ___ (buy) a new phone last month.

5. Fill in the gaps with either Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. I ___ (read) that book last year.
2. She ___ (just/finish) her homework.
3. We ___ (be) at the party last weekend.
4. They ___ (never/try) sushi before.
5. He ___ (buy) a new bike this year.

B1 Exercises

1. Choose the correct tense for each sentence.

1. I ___ (study) English for five years.
 - a) studied
 - b) have studied
2. She ___ (visit) her cousin last summer.
 - a) visited
 - b) has visited
3. They ___ (already/see) the new movie.
 - a) have already seen
 - b) already saw
4. We ___ (not/meet) her before the party.
 - a) did not meet
 - b) have not met
5. He ___ (be) to the conference last month.
 - a) was
 - b) has been

2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

1. I ___ (never/try) that type of food before.
2. She ___ (live) in Japan for three years.
3. They ___ (go) to the new restaurant last week.
4. We ___ (not/finish) our work yet.
5. He ___ (just/leave) the office.

3. Fill in the blanks with Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. I ___ (meet) her at the conference last year.
2. She ___ (never/see) that film before.
3. They ___ (go) to the beach last weekend.
4. We ___ (just/finish) our lunch.
5. He ___ (be) sick last week.

4. Match the sentences with the correct tense.

1. I have completed the project.
2. She went to the market.
3. They have visited France.
4. We watched a movie.
5. He has written a letter.

a) Present Perfect b) Simple Past

5. Choose the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

1. I ___ (be) to the new mall recently.
 - a) have been
 - b) was
2. She ___ (finish) her book last month.
 - a) has finished
 - b) finished
3. They ___ (never/try) Indian food before.
 - a) have never tried
 - b) never tried
4. We ___ (go) to a concert last week.
 - a) went
 - b) have gone
5. He ___ (already/see) that movie.
 - a) has already seen
 - b) already saw

B2 Exercises

1. Choose the correct tense based on the context.

1. I ___ (read) that book several times.
 - a) read
 - b) have read
2. She ___ (attend) the seminar last year.
 - a) has attended
 - b) attended
3. They ___ (never/visit) that museum before.
 - a) have never visited
 - b) never visited
4. We ___ (go) to the festival last summer.
 - a) have gone
 - b) went
5. He ___ (just/finish) his work.

2. Complete the sentences with Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. I ___ (not/see) her since last month.
2. She ___ (travel) to Spain last year.
3. They ___ (already/arrive) at the hotel.
4. We ___ (meet) before, but I don't remember where.
5. He ___ (never/experience) such a thing before.

3. Fill in the gaps with the correct tense.

1. I ___ (never/experience) such a situation before.
2. She ___ (finish) her studies last year.
3. We ___ (be) to Italy three times.
4. They ___ (just/come) back from vacation.
5. He ___ (buy) a new car last month.

4. Match the sentences with their meanings.

1. I have completed the assignment.
2. She wrote a letter.
3. They have visited the museum.
4. We went to the theater.
5. He has seen that movie.

a) Present Perfect b) Simple Past

5. Choose the correct form of the verb.

1. I ____ (be) to that restaurant before.
 - a) have been
 - b) was
2. She ____ (not/see) him last week.
 - a) did not see
 - b) has not seen
3. We ____ (already/finish) the project.
 - a) have already finished
 - b) already finished
4. They ____ (travel) to Japan last year.
 - a) traveled
 - b) have traveled
5. He ____ (just/leave) for work.

Answer Key

Here is the answer key for the 100 exercises:

A1 Exercises

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense: Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. visited
2. has finished
3. ate
4. have never seen
5. has been

2. Choose the correct tense: Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. saw
2. has just arrived
3. have lived
4. went
5. has never tried

3. Rewrite the sentences in the opposite tense.

1. I ate breakfast.
2. She has visited her aunt.
3. They never went to a concert.
4. We have seen the new movie.
5. He lived here since 2010.

4. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. met
2. has not seen
3. bought
4. have studied
5. has just finished

5. Choose the correct verb form.

1. b) went
2. a) has written
3. a) have not visited
4. b) were
5. a) has already finished

A2 Exercises

1. Fill in the blanks with Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. lived
2. wrote
3. have never met
4. went
5. has just come

2. Choose the correct tense and form.

1. have never seen
2. finished
3. were
4. have already finished
5. has not visited

3. Match the sentences with the correct tense.

1. a) Present Perfect
2. b) Simple Past
3. a) Present Perfect
4. b) Simple Past
5. a) Present Perfect

4. Complete the sentences using the correct verb form.

1. went
2. have not met
3. visited
4. have just arrived
5. bought

5. Fill in the gaps with either Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. read
2. has just finished
3. were
4. have never tried
5. bought

B1 Exercises

1. Choose the correct tense for each sentence.

1. b) have studied
2. a) visited
3. a) have already seen
4. b) have not met
5. b) has been

2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

1. have never tried
2. have lived
3. went
4. have not finished
5. has just left

3. Fill in the blanks with Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. met
2. have never seen
3. went
4. have just finished
5. was

4. Match the sentences with the correct tense.

1. a) Present Perfect
2. b) Simple Past
3. a) Present Perfect
4. b) Simple Past
5. a) Present Perfect

5. Choose the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

1. a) have been
2. b) finished
3. a) have never tried
4. a) went
5. a) has already seen

B2 Exercises

1. Choose the correct tense based on the context.

1. b) have read
2. b) attended
3. a) have never visited
4. b) went
5. has just finished

2. Complete the sentences with Present Perfect or Simple Past.

1. have not seen
2. traveled
3. have already arrived
4. have met
5. has never experienced

3. Fill in the gaps with the correct tense.

1. have never experienced
2. finished
3. have been
4. have just come
5. bought

4. Match the sentences with their meanings.

1. a) Present Perfect
2. b) Simple Past
3. a) Present Perfect
4. b) Simple Past
5. a) Present Perfect

5. Choose the correct form of the verb.

1. a) have been
2. a) did not see
3. a) have already finished
4. a) traveled
5. has just left