

Intermediate Grammar

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SAMPLE **Unit 4 (exercises)**

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Unit 4: The Present Perfect Simple versus The Past Simple

Task 1

Look at the images and read the text. Answer all the questions.



1. **Have** you ever **done** extreme sports?

This is ☐The Present Perfect ☐The Past Simple

We know exactly when it happened ☐Yes ☐No

There is a reference to past time ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?

There is an unfinished time reference ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?

2. It **didn't go** well

This is ☐The Present Perfect ☐The Past Simple

We know exactly when it happened ☐Yes ☐No

There is a reference to past time ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?

There is an unfinished time reference ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?

3. Mary's **broken** her leg

This is ☐The Present Perfect ☐The Past Simple

We know exactly when it happened ☐Yes ☐No

There is a reference to past time ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?

There is an unfinished time reference ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?

4. She **had** an accident yesterday

This is ☐The Present Perfect ☐The Past Simple

We know exactly when it happened ☐Yes ☐No

There is a reference to past time ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?

There is an unfinished time reference ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?

5. It **hasn't healed** yet

This is ☐The Present Perfect ☐The Past Simple

We know exactly when it happened ☐Yes ☐No

There is a reference to past time ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?

There is an unfinished time reference ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?

6. **Did** you **follow** my instructions?

This is ☐The Present Perfect ☐The Past Simple

We know exactly when it happened ☐Yes ☐No

There is a reference to past time ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?

There is an unfinished time reference ☐Yes ☐No

- If so, what is it?



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Task 2

Analyse the following situations and answer all the questions like the example.



The question is in...

☒ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple

Time Reference? *yet*

This is ☒ open (unfinished) ☐ closed (finished)

The short answer is in...

☒ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple

When more information is then given, it's in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☒ The Past Simple

The reference to time is: *yesterday*

This is ☐ open (unfinished) ☒ closed (finished)



The question is in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple

Time Reference?

This is ☐ open (unfinished) ☐ closed (finished)

The short answer is in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple



The question is in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple

Time Reference?

This is ☐ open (unfinished) ☐ closed (finished)

The short answer is in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple

When more information is then given, it's in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple

Time reference?

This is ☐ open (unfinished) ☒ closed (finished)



The question is in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple

Time Reference?

This is ☐ open (unfinished) ☐ closed (finished)

The short answer is in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple



The question is in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple

Why is there no time reference?

The short answer is in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple

When more information is then given, it's in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple

Why?



The question is in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple

Time Reference?

This is ☐ open (unfinished) ☐ closed (finished)

The short answer is in...

☐ The Present Perfect ☐ The Past Simple



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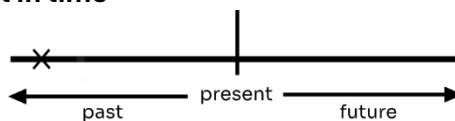
Task 3

Read the examples and complete the rules.

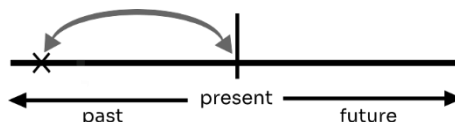
'FOR' or 'SINCE' with The Present Perfect?



☐ For ☐ Since with references to a **specific point in time**

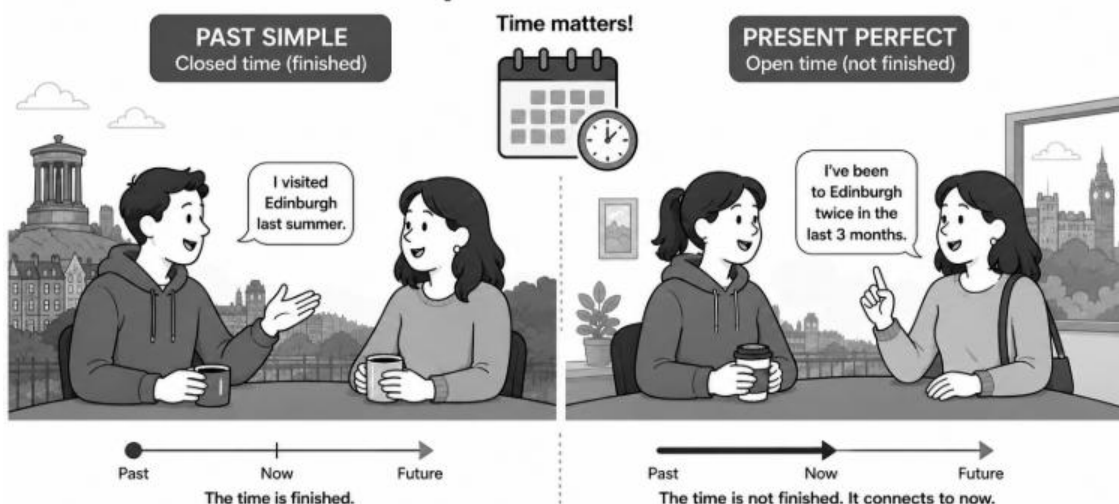


☐ For ☐ Since with references to the **length of time**



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Past Simple vs Present Perfect



Task 4

Put the time references into the appropriate category: 'OPEN' time references (used with The Present Perfect Simple) and 'CLOSED' time references (used with The Past Simple)

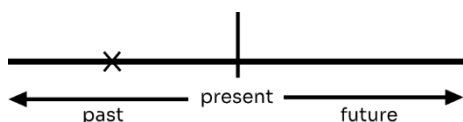
Time References	OPEN	CLOSED
1. ago (e.g. two days ago, a week ago)	☐	☐
2. already	☐	☐
3. at the weekend (BrE) / on the weekend (AmE)	☐	☐
4. before (e.g. I saw him before)	☐	☐
5. before (life experience: I've seen it before)	☐	☐
6. ever	☐	☐
7. for (e.g. for two years, for a long time)	☐	☐
8. in 2020 / in 2015 / in June	☐	☐
9. in my life	☐	☐
10. in the past	☐	☐
11. just	☐	☐
12. last night / last week / last month / last year	☐	☐
13. long ago	☐	☐
14. never	☐	☐
15. once / one day	☐	☐
16. over the years	☐	☐
17. recently / lately	☐	☐
18. since (e.g. since 2020, since Monday)	☐	☐
19. so far	☐	☐
20. still (in negatives/questions: I still haven't finished)	☐	☐
21. that day / that year	☐	☐
22. the other day	☐	☐
23. then	☐	☐
24. this morning/this afternoon/this evening (finished)	☐	☐
25. today / this week / this month (if not finished)	☐	☐
26. up to now / until now	☐	☐
27. when I was a child	☐	☐
28. yesterday	☐	☐
29. yet	☐	☐



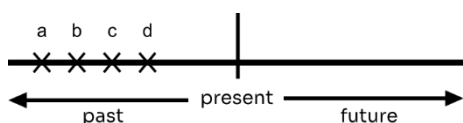
Rules

The Past Simple For finished events/actions	The Present Perfect Simple 3 uses with State or Dynamic Verbs
(+) I <u>broke</u> my leg skiing in February (+) I <u>put on</u> a lot of weight when I had a broken leg (-) I <u>didn't finish</u> the project on time (-) I <u>didn't eat</u> much at lunchtime (?) Did you <u>go</u> to Edinburgh last summer? (?) Did you <u>fly</u> with Rana-Air when you went there?	(+) She's <u>broken</u> her leg twice (+) She's put on a lot of weight recently (-) She <u>hasn't finished</u> the project yet (-) You <u>haven't finished</u> your meal! Is it not good? (?) Have you ever <u>been</u> to Edinburgh? (?) Has Dad already <u>gone</u> to the airport?

Finished events and actions in the past like "I went there last year" look like this on a timeline:



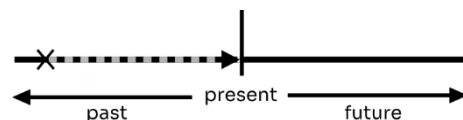
The Past Simple is also used to describe sequences of events in the past in the order in which they happen. For example, "a I woke up, b got dressed, c had breakfast and d went to work" looks like this on a timeline:



Nb. When there is a CLOSED time reference like **yesterday**, **last week**, or **when** you must use The Past.

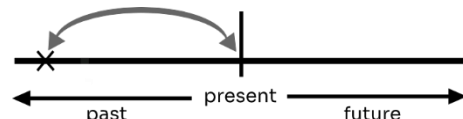
We use this form for 3 different reasons.

Use 1: Finished actions with a present result. For example, "He's cut his finger", which looks like this on a timeline:



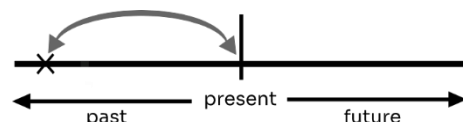
The action is finished, but it is linked to the present via the result which we can see now.

Use 2: Unfinished actions that started in the past. For example, "I haven't seen Mary today", and it looks the same on the timeline:



We are referring to a period of time that started in the past up until now.

Use 3: Life experiences, but only when you don't say when they happened. For example, "I've been to Paris three times", and again it looks the same on the timeline:



In this case the period of time that we are referring to is our life from birth until now.

Nb. When there is an OPEN time reference like **for**, **since**, **until now** you must use The Present Perfect

The Positions of Common Adverbials in The Present Perfect Simple

Adverbial	Typical Position	Examples
already	after have/has	I've already finished.
just	after have/has	She's just left.
never	after have/has	They've never met.
ever	after subject in questions	Have you ever seen it?
yet	end	I haven't eaten yet .
still	before negative	I still haven't called him.
for/since	end	We've lived here for years.
so far	end	We've raised €500 so far .
recently/lately	usually end	I haven't slept well lately .