

Present Perfect vs Past Simple – Test 2



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Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: Forms, negatives and questions

Choose the correct form to complete each sentence.

- Kofi _____ his keys, so he can't open the door.
A have lost B is lost C has lost D has losed
- Has anyone _____ my umbrella? I can't find it.
A saw B seen C see D seed
- Amira _____ to the meeting on Monday because she was sick.
A hasn't come B didn't came C not came D didn't come
- _____ the bus arrive on time this morning?
A Did B Has C Was D Have
- We _____ any rain here for two months. The garden is very dry.
A didn't have B haven't have C haven't had D hasn't had
- Ms Okafor started the school choir in 2019, and she still leads it. How long _____ it?
A did Ms Okafor lead B has Ms Okafor led C has Ms Okafor lead D Ms Okafor has led
- The children have _____ all the biscuits! The box is empty.
A ate B eat C eaten D eated
- My brother _____ his arm when he was skiing last winter.
A has broken B broke C has broke D broke
- A: Has Diego called you today? B: No, he _____.
A didn't B isn't C haven't D hasn't
- A: Did you enjoy the concert? B: Yes, I _____.
A have B did C enjoyed D was

Part 2: Meaning and time expressions

Choose the answer that best fits the meaning or the time expression.

- I _____ to the dentist last Tuesday.
A have gone B have been C went D go
- I _____ this car for ten years, and it still works perfectly.
A had B have had C have D am having
- Which time expression completes the sentence correctly? "I saw Nadia _____. "
A since Friday B yet C last Friday D so far

14. Which time expression completes the sentence correctly? "Ben has worked as a nurse _____."
- A** in 2016
B since he left university
C two years ago
D when he was young
15. "I've lost my passport." What does this mean?
- A** The speaker found it again later.
B The speaker will probably lose it.
C The speaker lost it many years ago and it doesn't matter now.
D The speaker can't find it now.
16. "Chen lived in Rome for five years." What does this mean?
- A** Chen still lives in Rome.
B Chen doesn't live in Rome now.
C Chen is going to move to Rome.
D Chen has never been to Rome.
17. Choose the correct sentence.
- A** Yesterday I have cleaned the whole house.
B I cleaned the whole house yesterday.
C I have clean the whole house yesterday.
D I cleaned the whole house since yesterday.
18. Choose the correct question.
- A** How long do you know your best friend?
B How long you have known your best friend?
C How long have you known your best friend?
D How long are you knowing your best friend?
19. When I was ten, my family _____ a dog called Max.
- A** has had
B had
C have had
D has
20. There's a new café near my office. It _____ last month.
- A** has opened
B opens
C has been opening
D opened

Part 3: Mistakes, conversations and mixed use

Find the mistake, choose the best response, or complete the sentence.

21. Find the mistake: "Did you saw the news about the storm last night?"
A Did **B** saw **C** the news **D** last night
22. Find the mistake: "My cousin has visited us yesterday and stayed for dinner."
A My cousin **B** has visited **C** and stayed **D** for dinner
23. Find the mistake: "She can't go to work because she's been ill since three days."
A can't go **B** because **C** she's been **D** since
24. Find the mistake: "I asked my teacher because I didn't knew the answer."
A asked **B** because **C** didn't knew **D** the answer
25. Find the mistake: "The boss was very happy because we've finished the project last Monday."
A The boss **B** was very happy **C** we've finished **D** the project
26. A: Have you seen my glasses? B: _____
A Yes, I have seen them yesterday. **B** No, I didn't see them yesterday.
C Yes, they're on the kitchen table. **D** Yes, I've seen.

27. A: I've just got back from my holiday in Greece. B: Welcome back! _____
A Have you had a good time there last week?
B Do you have a good time?
C Were you have a good time?
D Did you have a good time?
28. A: _____ B: About two months ago.
A How long have you learned the guitar?
B When did you start learning the guitar?
C When have you started learning the guitar?
D How long did you start learning the guitar?
29. A: Did Rahul pass his exam? B: I don't know. _____
A He hasn't told me the result yet. **B** He hasn't told me the result yesterday.
C He hasn't tell me the result. **D** He doesn't told me the result.
30. Grace _____ in Lisbon for two years, but then she moved to Porto, where she _____ ever since.
A has lived / lived **B** lived / lived
C lived / has lived **D** has lived / has lived

Answer key – Present Perfect vs Past Simple – Test 2

1 C	2 B	3 D	4 A	5 C	6 B	7 C	8 B	9 D	10 B
11 C	12 B	13 C	14 B	15 D	16 B	17 B	18 C	19 B	20 D
21 B	22 B	23 D	24 C	25 C	26 C	27 D	28 B	29 A	30 C

Explanations

- C** – The present perfect uses has + past participle with he/she/it, and the participle of 'lose' is 'lost'.
- B** – After 'has' we need the past participle, and the past participle of 'see' is 'seen'.
- D** – 'On Monday' is finished time, and the past simple negative is didn't + base form.
- A** – The base form 'arrive' needs the auxiliary 'did' in a past simple question.
- C** – The situation continues up to now, so we use the present perfect: haven't + past participle 'had'.
- B** – She still leads the choir, so we use the present perfect question form: has + subject + past participle.
- C** – After 'have' we need the past participle, and the past participle of 'eat' is 'eaten'.
- B** – 'Last winter' is finished time, so we use the past simple 'broke'.
- D** – A short answer repeats the auxiliary from the question, so 'Has...?' takes 'No, he hasn't'.
- B** – A short answer to a 'Did...?' question uses 'did'.
- C** – 'Last Tuesday' is a finished time in the past, so we use the past simple.
- B** – The period of ten years continues until now, so we use the present perfect with 'for'.
- C** – The past simple goes with a finished time expression like 'last Friday'.
- B** – The present perfect goes with 'since', which shows a period that continues until now.
- D** – The present perfect shows a past action with a result now: the passport is still missing.
- B** – The past simple with 'for' describes a finished period, so Chen no longer lives there.
- B** – 'Yesterday' is finished time, so it needs the past simple 'cleaned'.
- C** – For a situation from the past until now we use 'How long have you + past participle', with the auxiliary before the subject.
- B** – 'When I was ten' refers to a finished time, so we use the past simple.
- D** – 'Last month' is a finished time, so we use the past simple 'opened'.
- B** – After 'did' we use the base form, so it should be 'Did you see'.
- B** – 'Yesterday' is finished time, so it should be the past simple 'visited'.
- D** – We use 'for' with a length of time, so it should be 'for three days'.
- C** – After 'didn't' we use the base form, so it should be 'didn't know'.
- C** – 'Last Monday' is finished time, so it should be the past simple 'we finished'.
- C** – This reply answers the question naturally and gives useful information about where the glasses are now.
- D** – The holiday is finished, so we ask about it in the past simple with 'Did you have...?'.
- B** – 'Ago' answers a question about a specific past time, and 'When' questions take the past simple.
- A** – 'Yet' goes with the present perfect negative: hasn't + past participle 'told'.
- C** – Her time in Lisbon is finished (past simple), but she still lives in Porto, so 'ever since' needs the present perfect.

Notes for teachers: Use this test after teaching the contrast between finished time (past simple) and time connected to now (present perfect). It targets typical B1 errors: present perfect with finished time expressions such as yesterday or last Monday, 'since' used instead of 'for', and wrong verb forms after did or have. Part 3 works well for pair discussion: ask students to correct each mistake and explain why. As a follow-up, have learners write five true sentences about their own life using both tenses.