**Present perfect or past simple**

* **Past simple**

Finished actions in the past (yesterday, last week, in 2003)

Eg:

-I went to the cinema last week

-we spent a lot of time in Japan last year

-Leonardo painted the Monalisa

* **Present perfect**

The form: have/ has + past participle

1. When talk about unfinished action that started in the past and continue to the present

Eg:

-I have known James since 2005

- She has lived in London for three years

-I have worked her for six months

1. Life experience ( actions that happened sometimes during someone’s life)

Eg:

-I have been to Franc

1. The period of time is still continuing

Eg:

-I have not seen her this month

Note: I have not seen her yesterday X (a finished action in the past, so you use the past simple)

1. Something that happened recently ( just, yet , recently, already )

Eg:

-I have just seen Lucy

***The interrogative and negative sentence***

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| **Tense**  **The form** | **Past simple** | **Present perfect** |
| **The Assertive form** | *S+V+OBJECT*  *Eg: he used the laptop* | *S+HAS/HAVE+P.P+OBJECT*  *Eg: he has used the laptop* |
| **The interrogative form** | *DID+S+V+OBJECT*  *Eg: did he use the laptop?* | *HAS/HAVE+S+P.P+OBJECT*  *Eg: has he used the laptop?* |
| **The negative form** | *S+DID+NOT+V+OBJECT*  *Eg: he did not use the laptop* | *S+HAS/HAVE +NOT+P.P+OBJECT*  *Eg: he has not used the laptop* |

**Past simple or present perfect**

-we use the past simple when the action started in the past and finished in the past

- We use the present perfect when the action started in the past and is continuing now or for actions that or for a past event that has present consequence

**Activity**

Choose the present perfect or past simple:

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) three police cars this morning (it’s still morning).

2. After he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) home, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (unpack) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed early.

3. A: What’s wrong? B: I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (break) a glass!

4. My grandparents only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) each other for a few months before they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) married.

5. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) in London for three years. I love it here.

6. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) Julie last night.

7. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a teacher before he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (become) a musician.

8. When the boss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the room, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) someone was going to get fired.

9. The children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (break) a window in the school last week.

10. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) that film last year.

11. Lucy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (break) her leg, so she can’t come skiing.

12. Julie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive)! Come and say hello!

13. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) cold when they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) home.

14. Jack \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (break) his arm when he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fall) off a horse in 2005.

15. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) about the problem for months, but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / find) a solution yet.

16. A: When \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / arrive)?

B: At 10pm last night.

17. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a teacher for ten years, and she still enjoys it.

18. How long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / know) Jill?

I know you see her often.

19. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) the sea before.

20. A: Hello B: Hi Mum, it’s me. I just wanted to say I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) safely and everything is fine.

**Answers:**

1. I’ve seen three police cars this morning.

2. After he arrived home, he unpacked and went to bed early.

3. A: What’s wrong?

B: I’ve broken a glass!

4. My grandparents only knew each other for a few months before they got married.

5. I’ve been in London for three years. I love it here.

6. We saw Julie last night.

7. He was a teacher before he became a musician.

8. When the boss walked into the room, we knew someone was going to get fired.

9. The children broke a window in the school last week.

10. He saw that film last year.

11. Lucy has broken her leg, so she can’t come skiing.

12. Julie’s arrived! Come and say hello!

13. They were cold when they arrived home.

14. Jack broke his arm when he fell off a horse in 2005.

15. I’ve known about the problem for months, but I haven’t found a solution yet.

16. A: When did you arrive?

B: At 10pm last night.

17. She’s been a teacher for ten years, and she still enjoys it.

18. How long have you known Jill?

I know you see her often.

19. I have never seen the sea before.

20. A: Hello B: Hi Mum, it’s me. I just wanted to say I’ve arrived safely and everything is fine.