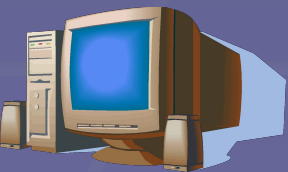


# Past Simple or Present Perfect?

- Past Simple
- Present Perfect
- Past Simple vs Present Perfect

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# Past Simple is used:

- For actions which happened at a stated time in the past.

*He returned a week ago.*

- For actions which happened one after the other

*She put on her coat, took her bag and left the house.*

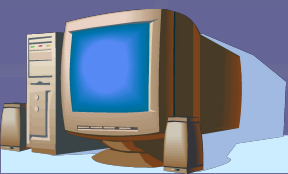
- To express a past state or habit.

*When she was young, she lived in a small flat.*

- For a past action whose time is not mentioned but which is not connected with the present

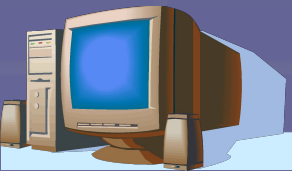
*Charles Dickens wrote a lot of novels.*

Key  
words



# Key words

- yesterday
- the day before yesterday
- 2 days ago
- last year (week etc)
- the other day
- When...?
- just now
- once
- in 1990



# Past Simple

**+**    **П**    **+**    **V<sub>2</sub>**    ... .

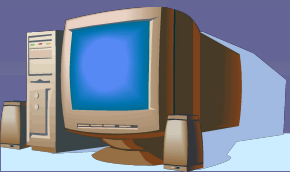
**-**    **П**    **+**    **didn't**    **V**    ... .

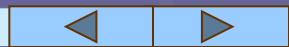
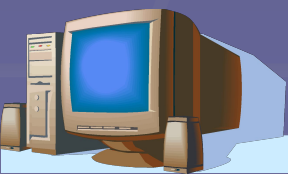
**?**    **Did**    **+**    **П**    **+**    **V**    ... ?

**Wh**    **Wh**    **+**    **did**    **+**    **П**    **+**    **V**    ... ?

**Who**    **Who**    **+**    **V<sub>2</sub>**    ... ?    **П**    **did** .

**П** - подлежащее    **V** - глагол





# Put the verbs in brackets in the Past Simple – positive, negative, question.

- “You (have) a nice weekend?” “Yes, I (play) tennis with my friends.”
- We (go) to the cinema but the film wasn’t very good. We (not enjoy) it.
- “You (phone) Ann?” “No, I’m afraid I (forget).”
- Tom (buy) some new clothes yesterday.
- “It (rain) yesterday?” “No, it was a nice day.”
- The party wasn’t very good, so we (not stay) long.
- “You (go) shopping yesterday?” “No, I (not have) time.”
- “Is Peter here?” “Yes, he (arrive) five minutes ago.”
- “I cut my finger this morning.” “How you (do) that?”
- Paul wasn’t well last week, so he (not go) to school.
- At the beginning of last year, Jane (fly) to London.
- I (spend) my summer holidays in the country.
- I like your new bicycle. Where you (get) it?
- “Mary (come) to your party?” “No, we (invite) her, but she (not come).”
- Yesterday I (get) up early and (have) a shower.



# Present Perfect is used:

- For a past action whose time is not mentioned but which is connected with the present.
- For actions which started in the past and continue up to the present.

*I've met Paul McCartney. (He's still alive and I may meet him again.)*

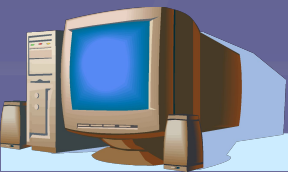
*She has lived in this house for two years. (She still lives in this house.)*

- To express actions which have finished so recently that there's evidence in the present.
- for actions which happened at a stated time but the time period has not finished

*He has just painted the room. (The paint is wet.)*

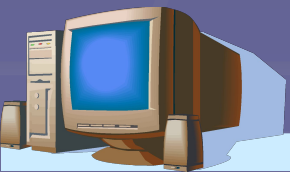
*He has sold his car this week.*

Key  
words



# Key words

- ever
- never
- just
- already
- yet
- recently
- lately
- before
- always
- so far
- at last
- today
- this year (week etc)
- for
- since
- How long ...?





# Present Perfect

**+**    **П**    **+**    **have/has**    **+**    **V**<sub>3</sub> ... .

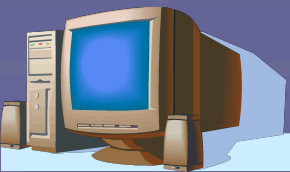
**-**    **П**    **+**    **have/has not**    **+**    **V**<sub>3</sub> ... .

**?**    **Have/Has**    **+**    **П**    **+**    **V**<sub>3</sub> ... ?

**Wh**    **Wh**    **+**    **have/has**    **+**    **П**    **+**    **V**<sub>3</sub> ... ?

**Who**    **Who**    **+**    **has**    **+**    **V**<sub>3</sub> ... ?    **П**    **have**  
**has** .

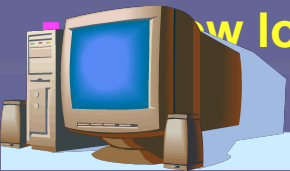
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# Put the key words into the gaps in these sentences.

for (x2)    since (x2)    before    ever  
never (x2)    yet(x3)    just (x2)

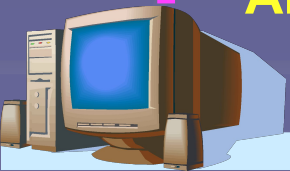
- “Have you written to John \_\_\_\_\_?” “Yes, I’ve \_\_\_\_\_ finished a letter to him.”
- Mary has been in Scotland \_\_\_\_\_ Monday.
- “Have you \_\_\_\_\_ been to London?” “No, I’ve been to France, but I’ve \_\_\_\_\_ visited Great Britain.”
- “Will you join us for a walk?” “No, I haven’t finished my homework \_\_\_\_\_.”
- My aunt has lived in St. Petersburg \_\_\_\_\_ 15 years.
- “I’ve been to Canada, but I’ve \_\_\_\_\_ been to America. Have you?” “No, but my brother has \_\_\_\_\_ been to New York. He came back yesterday.”
- “Alex, this is Mary.” “Yes, I know. We’ve met \_\_\_\_\_.”
- I haven’t met him \_\_\_\_\_ January.
- Can you wait for me? I haven’t eaten my lunch \_\_\_\_\_.
- How long have you known her?” “I’ve known her \_\_\_\_\_ a long time.”



# Complete the sentences with a verb from the box. Put the verb into the correct form.

be	go	have	buy	lose
read	win	arrive	see	invite

- “What’s the news?” “We \_\_\_\_\_ the tennis competition.”
- “Where is Ann?” “She \_\_\_\_\_ out.”
- I’m looking for my pen. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ it?
- We \_\_\_\_\_ a new car. Do you want to see it?
- “\_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ to London?” “Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_. Several times.”
- I \_\_\_\_\_ my English exercise-book. I can’t find it anywhere.
- Mary is having a party on Saturday. She \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of people.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ a very interesting story today.
- “\_\_\_\_\_ Tom \_\_\_\_\_ yet?” “No, not yet. We’re still waiting for him.”
- “Are you hungry?” “No, we \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.”

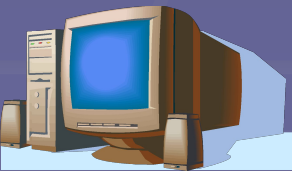


# Compare the usage 1

- **Past Simple** is used for actions which happened at a stated time **in the past**
- **Present Perfect** is used for actions which happened at a stated time but **the time period has not finished**

*He sold his car  
last week.*

*He has sold his  
car this week.*

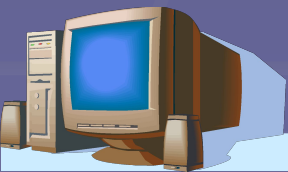


# Compare the usage 2

- **Past Simple** is used for actions which **are not connected with the present** though the time of action is not mentioned
- **Present Perfect** is used when **the time of action is not stated** because the result is more important and is closely connected with the present

*A. Pushkin wrote a lot of wonderful poems*

*He has **already** bought a new car, so we can go to the country.*



# Compare the usage 3

- **Past Simple** is used with **for** or **since** when the actions have already finished

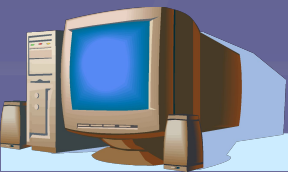
*He lived in London for five years.*

(He doesn't live in London any more)

- **Present Perfect** is used with **for** or **since** when the actions haven't finished yet

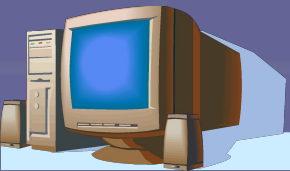
*He has lived in London **for** five years.*

(He still lives in London)



# Answer the questions 1

- 1. I have lived here for 10 years.  
Q: *Am I speaking about the past?*  
Q: *Do I still live here?*
- 2. I worked in a bank for 5 years.  
Q: *Am I speaking about the past?*  
Q: *Do I still work in a bank?*
- 3. Shakespeare wrote a lot of poems.  
Q: *Did he write them in the past?*  
Q: *Can he write some more poems?*
- 4. Max has written many interesting songs.  
Q: *Did he write them in the past?*  
Q: *Can he write some more songs?*
- 5. I've already had coffee this morning.  
Q: *What time is it now?*



# Answer the questions 2

- 6. *I've thought much about it and here's my decision.*

*Q: Is it important when I thought?*

*Q: Can I think about it again?*

- 7. *When I was a child I was not fond of reading.*

*Q: Do you know when the action took place?*

*Q: Can the action take place again?*

- 8. *It's the first time I have come here.*

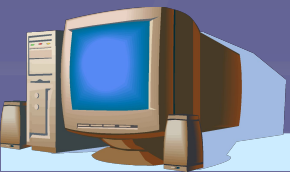
*Q: Do I speak about present or past action?*

*Q: Do I make an emphasis on present or past time?*

- 9. *I've worked here since 1996.*

*Q: Do I speak about present or past action?*

*Q: Do I make an emphasis on present or past time?*





# Key words

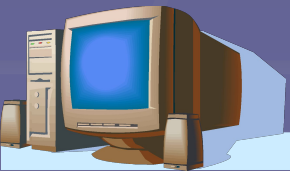
## Past Simple

- *yesterday*
- *last week (month, year)*
- *a few days ago*
- *the other day*
- *just now*
- *in 2000*
- *once (когда-то)*
- *How long ago?*
- *When?*

## Present Perfect

- *today*
- *this (month, year)*
- *recently, lately*
- *Before, always, so far*
- *just*
- *already, yet*
- *Once (один раз), twice*
- *How long?*
- *for, since*

TEST



# Complete these sentences using the words or phrases below.

1. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ been to London?

- a) once      a) once      b) just      a) once  
b) just      c) ever      a) once      b) just      c) ever  
d) before

2. Yes, I was there two years \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) before      a) before      b) ago      a) before  
b) ago      c) later      a) before      b) ago      c) later  
d) already

3. Mary didn't go to school \_\_\_\_\_.

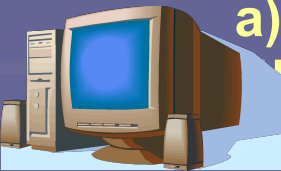
- a) recently      a) recently      b) yet      a) recently  
b) yet      c) today      a) recently      b) yet      c) today  
d) yesterday

4. I've been to Canada, but I've \_\_\_\_\_ been to the USA.

- a) already      a) already      b) just      a) already  
b) just      c) never      a) already      b) just      c) never  
d) last year

5. I've \_\_\_\_\_ finished my homework.

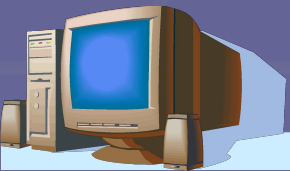
- a) two hours ago      a) two hours ago      b) just      a) two  
b) just      b) just      c) yet      a) two hours ago      b) just  
d) just now





*I am afraid,  
your answer is not correct!*

*Please, learn the key words!*

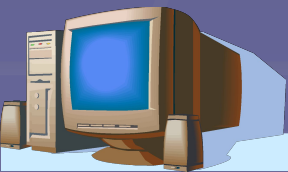




*That's right!*

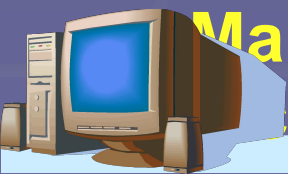


*Well done!*



# Past Simple or Present Perfect?

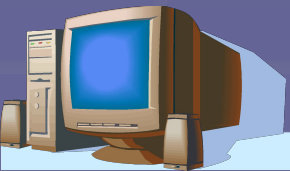
- I (visitedI (visited/have visited) Paris in 1995.
- He (was neverHe (was never/has never been) to Japan.
- I (didn't finishI (didn't finish/haven't finished) my work yet.
- They (builtThey (built/have built) it ten years ago.
- When (did he goWhen (did he go/has he gone) to Paris?
- I (just spokel (just spoke/have just spoken) to my sister.
- We (sawWe (saw/have seen) this film three times.
- Mary (leftMary (left/has left) home at about 7 o'clock.



# Speech exercises 1



Make up your own dialogue



# Make up your own dialogue according to the model

\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_  
(be) to ... ?

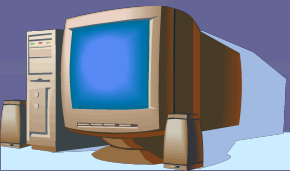
No, I \_\_\_n't? \_\_\_  
you?

Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_. I (be)  
there in ....

What \_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_  
(see) there?

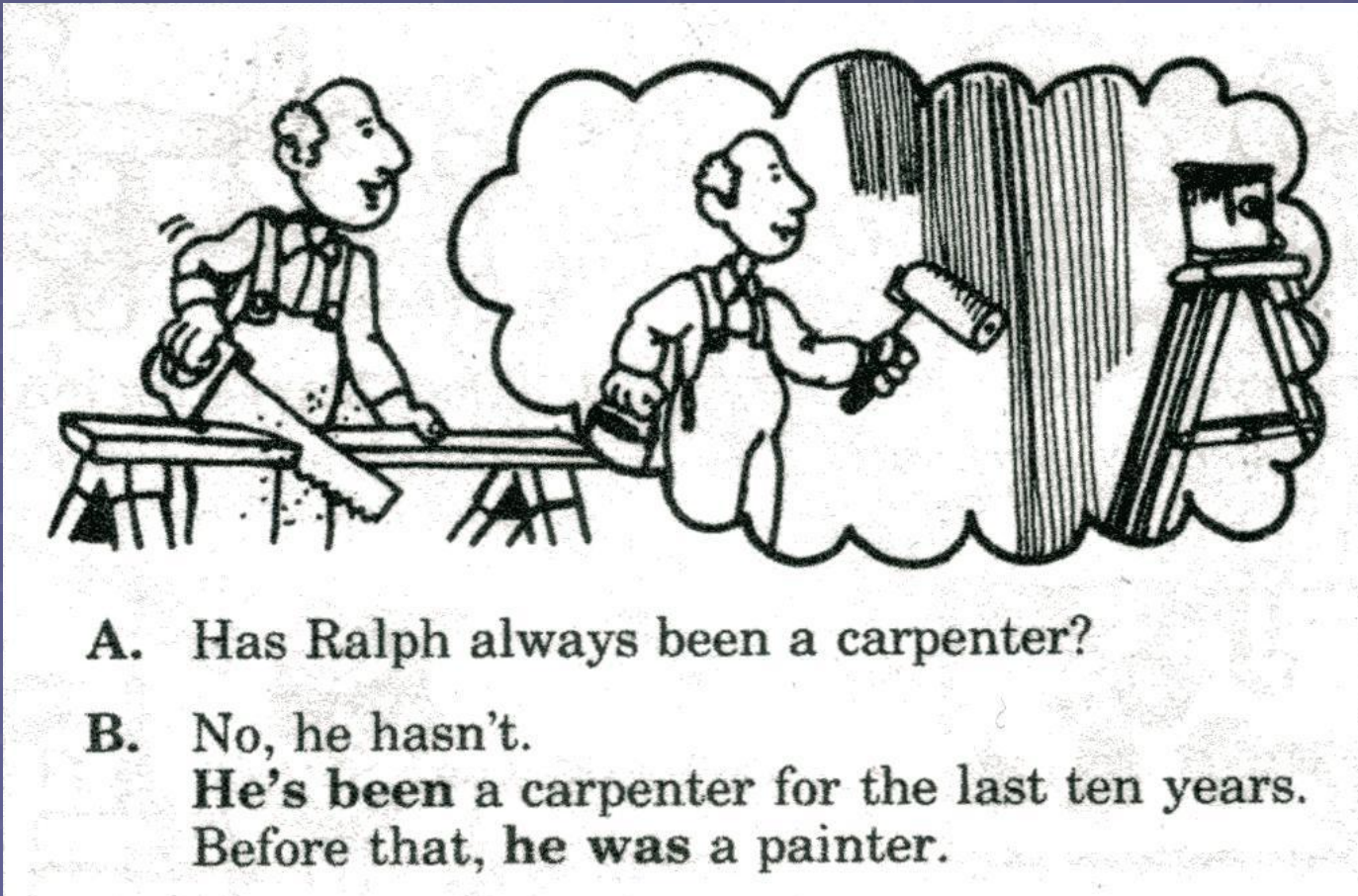
Well, a lot of interesting  
things, for example... .

Great! I \_\_\_\_ never  
\_\_\_\_\_

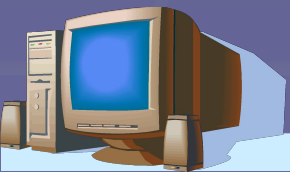




# Speech exercises 2



**Make up your own dialogue**







Has Fred always been thin?  
*the last three years*



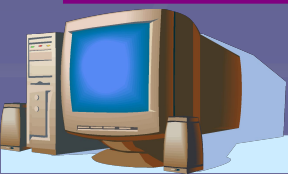
Has Roberta always had short hair?  
*she finished college*



Have you always liked classical music?  
*the past few years*

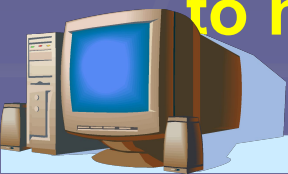


Have your parents always been Democrats?  
*Watergate\**

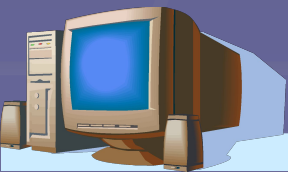


# Work in pairs and complete the dialogue 1

- I don't know where to go on holiday this year. Have you got any ideas?
- (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (you/ever/be) to Spain? I (2)\_\_\_\_\_ to Madrid last year and I really (3) \_\_\_\_\_ myself.
- I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) two years while I (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at University. I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (never/visit) France, though.
- A friend of mine (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in Paris before. I think you (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her once. Do you remember Kate?
- Oh, yes. She (8) \_\_\_\_\_ it in Brazil. Maybe I'll talk to her about it.



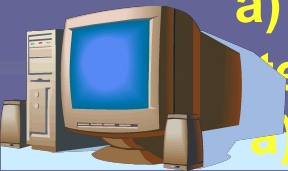
Work in pairs and complete the  
dialogue 2



# Past Simple or Present Perfect?

## Choose the correct answer.

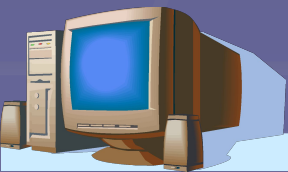
- My father is a writer. He \_\_\_\_\_ many books.  
a) wrote                      a) wrote                      b) have written                      a) wrote  
b) have written                      c) has written
- We \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday last year.  
a) hadn't                      a) hadn't                      b) didn't have                      a) hadn't  
b) didn't have                      c) haven't had
- I \_\_\_\_\_ football yesterday afternoon.  
a) played                      b) have played                      c) haven't played
- What time \_\_\_\_\_ to bed last night?  
a) did you go                      b) were you go                      c) have you gone
- \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ a famous person?  
a) Did .... meet                      b) Were .... meet                      c) Have .... met
- The weather \_\_\_\_\_ very good yesterday.  
a) didn't be                      b) wasn't                      c) hasn't been
- My hair is wet. I \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
a) washed                      b) have washed                      c) has washed
- He travels a lot. She \_\_\_\_\_ many countries.  
a) visited                      b) have visited                      c) has visited

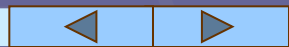
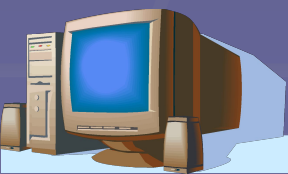


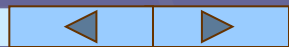
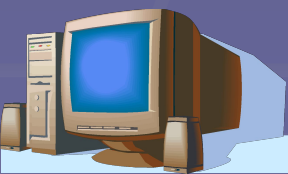
# Past Simple or Present Perfect?

## Choose the correct answer.

- William Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_ from 1564 to 1616.
- a) lived                      b) didn't live                      c) has lived
- How long \_\_\_\_\_ in Moscow?
- a) did you be                      b) were you                      c) have you been
- When \_\_\_\_\_ to Great Britain?
- a) you went                      b) did you go                      c) have you gone
- "Is Ann here?" "No, she \_\_\_\_\_ yet."
- a) didn't come                      b) haven't come                      c) hasn't come
- "Is that a new coat?" "No, I \_\_\_\_\_ it for a long time."
- a) had                      b) have had                      c) haven't had
- Where \_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday afternoon?
- a) were you                      b) did you be                      c) have you been
- I \_\_\_\_\_ such a strange animal before.
- a) never saw                      b) haven't never seen                      c) have never seen









# Past Simple

**+**       $\Pi + V_2 + \dots$

**-**       $\Pi + \text{didn't} + V + \dots$

**?**       $\text{Did} + \Pi + V + \dots?$

**Wh**       $\text{Wh} + \text{did} + \Pi + V + \dots?$

**Who**       $\text{Who} + V_2 + \dots? \Pi + \text{did.}$

$\Pi$  - подлежащее       $V$  - глагол

