

Present Perfect — B2 Lesson 1

Present Perfect vs Simple Past · Achievement & progress

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■ Grammar Reference

Present Perfect — no finished time; connection to now.

She has achieved a lot. | I have improved my score.

Simple Past — completed at a specific finished time.

*She achieved her goal **last year**. | I improved my score **in June**.*

Key rule: Finished time words (yesterday, last week, in 2010, ago) → Simple Past. No time / unfinished time → Present Perfect.

Verb	Past / PP	Verb	Past / PP
achieve	achieved	succeed	succeeded
fail	failed	complete	completed
progress	progressed	improve	improved
develop	developed	establish	established

Exercise 1 — True or False?

Read each sentence. Is it true or false? Circle True or False.

1. We use the present perfect when a specific finished time is mentioned, e.g. 'last year'.

True False

2. 'She has achieved a lot' focuses on the current result of her actions.

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3. 'They completed the project last week' correctly uses the simple past with a finished time.

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4. 'I have improved my score in 2021' is correct.

True False

5. The present perfect can be used with 'recently' to talk about something connected to now.

True False

6. 'We have developed a new strategy' implies the strategy exists now.

True False

7. 'He failed the exam two years ago' correctly uses the simple past.

True False

8. 'She has established her business since five years ago' is correct.

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answer. Circle a, b, or c.

1. She ___ already achieved her main goals for this year.
a) had b) has c) have
2. They completed the project ___ last October.
a) since b) in c) —
3. I ___ my presentation skills a lot recently.
a) improve b) improved c) have improved
4. He failed his driving test ___ three times before passing.
a) — b) already c) since
5. The company ___ developed a new product line since the merger.
a) have b) has c) had
6. She ___ her business in 2018.
a) has established b) established c) have established
7. We have progressed ___ a lot since the last review.
a) — b) since c) for
8. ___ you ever failed to meet a deadline?
a) Have b) Did c) Has

Exercise 3 — Gap Fill

Complete each sentence with the correct word or form.

1. She _____ achieved her goal. She's celebrating now.
2. They completed the project _____ last month.
3. I _____ (improve) my scores a lot this term.
4. He failed the exam _____ two years ago.
5. The company _____ established a strong brand over the years.
6. We _____ (develop) three new products since January.
7. She _____ succeeded in every challenge so far.
8. _____ you ever failed to complete a project on time?

Exercise 4 — Matching

Match each sentence beginning on the left with the correct ending on the right.

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| 1. She has achieved | A) failed to meet a target? |
| 2. They completed the project | B) my skills considerably. |
| 3. I have improved | C) two years ago. |
| 4. He failed his test | D) a strong reputation. |
| 5. The company has developed | E) a great deal this year. |

6. Have you ever

F) last October.

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Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

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Exercise 6 — Error Correction

Each sentence has one mistake. Find it and write the correct sentence.

1. She has achieved her goal last year.

2. They have completed the project in October.

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5. The company developed a strong brand since it launched.

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