

Simple Past vs Present Perfect

A2 Elementary · Lesson 1 · Student Worksheet

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Exercise 1 · Which Tense? (8 points)

Read each sentence. Circle **Simple Past** or **Present Perfect**.

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| 1. I went to London last summer. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 2. She has never eaten sushi. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 3. We visited the museum three days ago. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 4. Have you ever travelled by train? | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 5. They bought a new car last month. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 6. He has just finished his homework. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 7. Did you see the match yesterday? | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 8. I have already watched that film. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |

Exercise 2 · Multiple Choice (8 points)

Circle the correct verb form.

- We ____ to Japan in 2022.
went / have gone / have went
- ____ you ever ____ a whale?
Did / see / Have / seen / Did / seen
- She ____ her keys. She can't open the door.
lost / has lost / has lose
- I ____ lunch an hour ago.
have eaten / ate / have ate
- They ____ already ____ the tickets.
have / bought / did / buy / have / buyed
- He ____ to five countries so far.
travelled / has travelled / did travel
- ____ you ____ the report yesterday?
Have / finished / Did / finished / Did / finish
- I ____ never ____ a camel.

Exercise 3 · Matching (8 points)

Match each sentence (1–8) to its meaning (a–h). Write the letter in the box.

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| 1. I bought a new jacket last Friday. | [____] |
| 2. Have you ever seen a shooting star? | [____] |
| 3. They finished the project yesterday. | [____] |
| 4. She has already eaten dinner. | [____] |
| 5. We went to the beach in August. | [____] |
| 6. I have never travelled by plane. | [____] |
| 7. Did you watch the news last night? | [____] |
| 8. He has just arrived at the station. | [____] |

- d. The meal is done and she is not hungry now.
e. A holiday trip that happened at a known time last year.
g. A question about a specific evening in the past.
h. An arrival that happened moments ago with a present result.
c. The work ended at a named point in the past.
f. Something that has never happened in this person's life.
a. She spent money on something in the recent past at a known time.
b. Asking about a life experience with no specific time.

Exercise 4 · Gap Fill (8 points)

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. She _____ Rome twice in her life. (*visit*)
2. We _____ a great film last Saturday. (*watch*)
3. _____ Thai food? (*eat*)
4. He _____ his homework yesterday. (*finish*)
5. I _____ the tickets. (*buy*)
6. They _____ to Australia in 2020. (*travel*)
7. _____ this show yet? (*see*)
8. She _____ shopping two hours ago. (*go*)

Exercise 5 · Word Order (8 points)

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

1. went / I / to / the / market / yesterday

2. has / She / never / seen / snow

3. you / Did / buy / that / book / last / week

4. has / He / just / finished / his / lunch

5. watched / We / a / film / on / Friday / night

6. they / Have / ever / travelled / by / ship

7. visited / She / her / grandparents / last / summer

8. have / I / already / eaten / dinner

Exercise 6 · Word Sort (8 points)

Write each sentence in the correct column.

She has already ___ all the tickets. • We ___ sushi for the first time last year. • I ___ to the cinema last night. • They have never ___ a camel. • He ___ the race two weeks ago. • She ___ just arrived home. • Have you ___ that song before? • I ___ the report yesterday morning.

Finished action at a specific time	Life experience or recent result

Exercise 7 · Complete the Conversation (8 points)

Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete each gap.

Ana: Hi! (Have / Did) you ever (been / go / went) to Asia?

Ben: Yes! I (went / have gone / have went) to Thailand two years ago. It was amazing.

Ana: Wow! (Did / Have / Do) you (eat / eaten / ate) Thai food there?

Ben: Of course! I (have / had / did) already (tried / try / tries) it before I went, actually.

Ana: I (have / did / was) never (eaten / ate / eat) Thai food. I want to try it!

Ben: There is a great restaurant near here. We (went / have gone / go) there last weekend.

TEACHER ANSWER KEY — DO NOT DISTRIBUTE TO STUDENTS

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This answer key is for teacher use only.

Exercise 1 · Which Tense? — Answers

1. I went to London last summer. → **Simple Past**
2. She has never eaten sushi. → **Present Perfect**
3. We visited the museum three days ago. → **Simple Past**
4. Have you ever travelled by train? → **Present Perfect**
5. They bought a new car last month. → **Simple Past**
6. He has just finished his homework. → **Present Perfect**
7. Did you see the match yesterday? → **Simple Past**
8. I have already watched that film. → **Present Perfect**

Exercise 2 · Multiple Choice — Answers

1. went
2. Have / seen
3. has lost
4. ate
5. have / bought
6. has travelled
7. Did / finish
8. have / ridden

Exercise 3 · Matching — Answers

1. I bought a new jacket last Friday. → **a**
2. Have you ever seen a shooting star? → **b**
3. They finished the project yesterday. → **c**
4. She has already eaten dinner. → **d**
5. We went to the beach in August. → **e**
6. I have never travelled by plane. → **f**
7. Did you watch the news last night? → **g**
8. He has just arrived at the station. → **h**

Exercise 4 · Gap Fill — Answers

1. She ____ Rome twice in her life. → **has visited**
2. We ____ a great film last Saturday. → **watched**
3. ____ Thai food? → **Have you ever eaten**
4. He ____ his homework yesterday. → **didn't finish**
5. I ____ the tickets. → **have already bought**
6. They ____ to Australia in 2020. → **travelled**
7. ____ this show yet? → **Have they seen**
8. She ____ shopping two hours ago. → **went**

Exercise 5 · Word Order — Answers

1. I went to the market yesterday.
2. She has never seen snow.
3. Did you buy that book last week?
4. He has just finished his lunch.
5. We watched a film on Friday night.
6. Have they ever travelled by ship?
7. She visited her grandparents last summer.
8. I have already eaten dinner.

Exercise 6 · Word Sort — Answers

Finished action at a specific time	Life experience or recent result
We ____ sushi for the first time last year.	She has already ____ all the tickets.
I ____ to the cinema last night.	They have never ____ a camel.
He ____ the race two weeks ago.	She ____ just arrived home.
I ____ the report yesterday morning.	Have you ____ that song before?

Exercise 7 · Conversation — Answers

Ana: Hi! **Have** you ever **been** to Asia?

Ben: Yes! I **went** to Thailand two years ago. It was amazing.

Ana: Wow! **Did** you **eat** Thai food there?

Ben: Of course! I **have** already **tried** it before I went, actually.

Ana: I **have** never **eaten** Thai food. I want to try it!

Ben: There is a great restaurant near here. We **went** there last weekend.