

Simple Past vs Present Perfect

A2 Elementary · Lesson 3 · 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. The train arrived late last Tuesday. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 2. Have you ever driven a sports car? | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 3. She broke her arm when she was twelve. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 4. I have already chosen my courses for next year. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 5. He brought flowers to the party last Saturday. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 6. They have never grown their own vegetables. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 7. Did you spend much money at the market yesterday? | Simple Past / Present Perfect |
| 8. She has helped hundreds of students in her career. | Simple Past / Present Perfect |

Exercise 2 · Multiple Choice (8 points)

Circle the correct verb form.

- He ____ his leg in a skiing accident last winter.
broke / has broken / has broke
- ____ you ever ____ a classic car?
Did / drive / Have / driven / Did / driven
- She ____ a beautiful garden over the years.
grew / has grown / did grow
- I ____ two weeks in Italy last summer.
have spent / spent / have spend
- They ____ already ____ which university to attend.
have / chosen / did / choose / have / choosed
- He ____ the new students at the start of term.
helped / has helped / have helped
- ____ she ____ her laptop to the meeting yesterday?
Has / brought / Did / bring / Did / brought
- The guests ____ never ____ so early before.

have / arrived / did / arrive / have / arrive

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. She broke her phone screen last night. | [____] |
| 2. Have you ever driven on the left side of the road? | [____] |
| 3. He brought his guitar to the party on Friday. | [____] |
| 4. I have already chosen a restaurant for tonight. | [____] |
| 5. They spent a week in Scotland in July. | [____] |
| 6. She has never grown tomatoes. | [____] |
| 7. Did you arrive on time for the interview yesterday? | [____] |
| 8. He has just helped her fix the problem. | [____] |

- h. An action completed moments ago with a present result.
- c. Something someone carried to a place at a known time.
- a. Something that got damaged at a specific time in the past.
- b. Asking about a life experience with no specific time.
- f. Something that has never happened in this person's life.
- e. A holiday that happened at a known time in the past.
- g. A question about a specific event earlier in the past.
- d. A decision is made and the situation is clear now.

Exercise 4 · Gap Fill (8 points)

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

1. She _____ her wrist last winter. (*break*)
2. I _____ a lorry before. (*drive*)
3. _____ his passport to the office yesterday? (*bring*)
4. They _____ a name for the baby. (*choose*)
5. We _____ three days in Edinburgh last April. (*spend*)
6. _____ your own herbs? (*grow*)
7. She _____ her neighbour move house last weekend. (*help*)
8. The package _____ at the front door. (*arrive*)

Exercise 5 · Word Order (8 points)

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

1. broke / She / her / wrist / last / winter

2. never / I / driven / have / a / lorry

3. bring / Did / he / passport / his / yesterday

4. already / They / a / chosen / name / have

5. spent / We / days / three / Edinburgh / in

6. ever / Have / grown / you / herbs / own / your

7. helped / She / neighbour / her / last / weekend

8. just / has / The / arrived / package

Exercise 6 · Word Sort (8 points)

Write each sentence in the correct column.

I ___ my colleague with the presentation on Monday. • I ___ never driven on a motorway before. • Have you already ___ which hotel to book? • She ___ her ankle during the race last month. • He ___ his lunch to work every day last year. • She has ___ vegetables in her garden for years. • They ___ a lot of money on the holiday in 2022. • The bus ___ just ___ at the stop.

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.

Rosa: Have you ever (driven / drove / drive) abroad?

Dan: Yes! I (drove / have driven / drive) in France for two weeks last summer. It was great fun.

Rosa: (Have / Did / Do) you ever (broken / broke / break) a car before that trip?

Dan: No, but I (broke / have broken / break) a wing mirror once when I (drove / have driven / drive) too close to a wall.

Rosa: Oh no! How much (did / has / have) it cost to fix?

Dan: A lot! I (spent / have spent / spend) three months of savings on the repair.

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. The train arrived late last Tuesday. → **Simple Past**
2. Have you ever driven a sports car? → **Present Perfect**
3. She broke her arm when she was twelve. → **Simple Past**
4. I have already chosen my courses for next year. → **Present Perfect**
5. He brought flowers to the party last Saturday. → **Simple Past**
6. They have never grown their own vegetables. → **Present Perfect**
7. Did you spend much money at the market yesterday? → **Simple Past**
8. She has helped hundreds of students in her career. → **Present Perfect**

Exercise 2 · Multiple Choice — Answers

1. **broke**
2. **Have / driven**
3. **has grown**
4. **spent**
5. **have / chosen**
6. **helped**
7. **Did / bring**
8. **have / arrived**

Exercise 3 · Matching — Answers

1. She broke her phone screen last night. → **a**
2. Have you ever driven on the left side of the road? → **b**
3. He brought his guitar to the party on Friday. → **c**
4. I have already chosen a restaurant for tonight. → **d**
5. They spent a week in Scotland in July. → **e**
6. She has never grown tomatoes. → **f**
7. Did you arrive on time for the interview yesterday? → **g**
8. He has just helped her fix the problem. → **h**

Exercise 4 · Gap Fill — Answers

1. She **broke** her wrist last winter.
2. I **have never driven** a lorry before.
3. **Did he bring** his passport to the office yesterday?
4. They **have already chosen** a name for the baby.
5. We **spent** three days in Edinburgh last April.
6. **Have you ever grown** your own herbs?
7. She **helped** her neighbour move house last weekend.
8. The package **has just arrived** at the front door.

Exercise 5 · Word Order — Answers

1. She broke her wrist last winter.
2. I have never driven a lorry.
3. Did he bring his passport yesterday?
4. They have already chosen a name.
5. We spent three days in Edinburgh.
6. Have you ever grown your own herbs?
7. She helped her neighbour last weekend.
8. The package has just arrived.

Exercise 6 · Word Sort — Answers

Finished action at a specific time	Life experience or recent result
She ___ her ankle during the race last month.	I ___ never driven on a motorway before.
He ___ his lunch to work every day last year.	Have you already ___ which hotel to book?
They ___ a lot of money on the holiday in 2022.	She has ___ vegetables in her garden for years.
I ___ my colleague with the presentation on Monday.	The bus ___ just ___ at the stop.

Exercise 7 · Conversation — Answers

Rosa: Have you ever **driven** abroad?

Dan: Yes! I **drove** in France for two weeks last summer. It was great fun.

Rosa: **Have** you ever **broken** a car before that trip?

Dan: No, but I **broke** a wing mirror once when I **drove** too close to a wall.

Rosa: Oh no! How much **did** it cost to fix?

Dan: A lot! I **spent** three months of savings on the repair.