

Simple Past vs Present Perfect

A2 Elementary · Lesson 4 · Student Worksheet

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Exercise 1 · Which Tense? (8 points)

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

1. I called my parents last Sunday evening. Simple Past / Present Perfect

2. Have you ever caught a fish? Simple Past / Present Perfect

3. She cleaned the whole house yesterday. Simple Past / Present Perfect

4. He has already started the new project. Simple Past / Present Perfect

5. They opened a new cafe in town last month. Simple Past / Present Perfect

6. I have never forgotten a friend's birthday. Simple Past / Present Perfect

7. Did you cook dinner last night? Simple Past / Present Perfect

8. She has learned to play the piano this year. Simple Past / Present Perfect

Exercise 2 · Multiple Choice (8 points)

Circle the correct verb form.

1. I ___ my grandmother every Sunday last year.

called / have called / have call

2. ___ you ever ___ a cold in summer?

Did / catch / Have / caught / Did / caught

3. She ___ the kitchen before the guests arrived.

cleaned / has cleaned / have cleaned

4. He ___ to speak Spanish over the past six months.

learned / has learned / did learn

5. They ___ already ___ the new branch.

have / opened / did / open / have / opened

6. I ___ my dentist appointment last week.

forgot / have forgotten / have forgot

7. ___ she ___ the project before the deadline yesterday?

Has / started / Did / start / Did / started

8. He ___ never ___ a meal from scratch before.

has / cooked / did / cook / have / cooked

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 called the doctor last Monday morning. | [____] |
| 2. Have you ever caught a butterfly? | [____] |
| 3. He cleaned his car on Saturday afternoon. | [____] |
| 4. I have already started reading the book. | [____] |
| 5. They opened the shop in 2019. | [____] |
| 6. She has never forgotten her lines on stage. | [____] |
| 7. Did you cook anything special last weekend? | [____] |
| 8. He has just learned the result of his exam. | [____] |

- b. Asking about a life experience with no specific time.
- d. An action that began and the person is now doing it.
- c. A cleaning task completed at a known time in the past.
- a. A phone call made at a specific time in the past.
- e. Something that happened at a known time in the past.
- g. A question about cooking at a specific time in the past.
- f. Something that has never happened in this person's life.
- h. New information received moments ago that matters now.

Exercise 4 · Gap Fill (8 points)

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

1. I _____ the office three times yesterday. (*call*)
2. She _____ a fish in her life. (*catch*)
3. _____ your room last weekend? (*clean*)
4. He _____ fifty new words this month. (*learn*)
5. They _____ the restaurant in March 2021. (*open*)
6. _____ an important appointment? (*forget*)
7. She _____ a big meal for the family last Sunday. (*cook*)
8. I _____ a new online course. (*start*)

Exercise 5 · Word Order (8 points)

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

1. called / I / three / times / the / office / yesterday

2. never / She / has / caught / a / fish

3. clean / Did / you / your / room / last / weekend

4. already / He / learned / has / new / fifty / words

5. opened / They / the / restaurant / in / March / 2021

6. Have / forgotten / you / ever / appointment / an / important

7. cooked / She / a / meal / big / last / Sunday

8. just / I / started / have / a / new / course

Exercise 6 · Word Sort (8 points)

Write each sentence in the correct column.

Have you ____ how to drive yet? • She ____ the windows before the rain started. • He ____ dinner for twelve people last Christmas. • I ____ never forgotten a colleague's name before. • He has never ____ a cold in his life. • I ____ my friend to wish her happy birthday last night. • She has just ____ a new language class. • They ____ their first shop in a small village in 2015.

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.

Nadia: Have you ever (tried / try / trying) to cook a big meal for a party?

Tom: Yes! I (cooked / have cooked / cook) a three-course dinner for twenty people last New Year.

Nadia: Wow! (Did / Has / Have) anything go wrong?

Tom: I (forgot / have forgotten / forget) to turn the oven on, so the main course (started / has started / start) late.

Nadia: (Have / Did / Do) you ever (taken / took / take) a cooking class since then?

Tom: Actually, I (have / did / was) just (finished / finish / finishing) one last month. I (learned / have learned / learn) a lot!

TEACHER ANSWER KEY — DO NOT DISTRIBUTE TO STUDENTS

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Exercise 1 · Which Tense? — Answers

1. I called my parents last Sunday evening. → **Simple Past**
2. Have you ever caught a fish? → **Present Perfect**
3. She cleaned the whole house yesterday. → **Simple Past**
4. He has already started the new project. → **Present Perfect**
5. They opened a new cafe in town last month. → **Simple Past**
6. I have never forgotten a friend's birthday. → **Present Perfect**
7. Did you cook dinner last night? → **Simple Past**
8. She has learned to play the piano this year. → **Present Perfect**

Exercise 2 · Multiple Choice — Answers

1. **called**
2. **Have / caught**
3. **cleaned**
4. **has learned**
5. **have / opened**
6. **forgot**
7. **Did / start**
8. **has / cooked**

Exercise 3 · Matching — Answers

1. She called the doctor last Monday morning. → **a**
2. Have you ever caught a butterfly? → **b**
3. He cleaned his car on Saturday afternoon. → **c**
4. I have already started reading the book. → **d**
5. They opened the shop in 2019. → **e**
6. She has never forgotten her lines on stage. → **f**
7. Did you cook anything special last weekend? → **g**
8. He has just learned the result of his exam. → **h**

Exercise 4 · Gap Fill — Answers

1. I **called** the office three times yesterday.
2. She **has never caught** a fish in her life.
3. **Did you clean** your room last weekend?
4. He **has already learned** fifty new words this month.
5. They **opened** the restaurant in March 2021.
6. **Have you ever forgotten** an important appointment?
7. She **cooked** a big meal for the family last Sunday.
8. I **have just started** a new online course.

Exercise 5 · Word Order — Answers

1. I called the office three times yesterday.
2. She has never caught a fish.
3. Did you clean your room last weekend?
4. He has already learned fifty new words.
5. They opened the restaurant in March 2021.
6. Have you ever forgotten an important appointment?
7. She cooked a big meal last Sunday.
8. I have just started a new course.

Exercise 6 · Word Sort — Answers

Finished action at a specific time	Life experience or recent result
I ___ my friend to wish her happy birthday last night.	He has never ___ a cold in his life.
She ___ the windows before the rain started.	Have you ___ how to drive yet?
They ___ their first shop in a small village in 2015.	I ___ never forgotten a colleague's name before.
He ___ dinner for twelve people last Christmas.	She has just ___ a new language class.

Exercise 7 · Conversation — Answers

- Nadia:** Have you ever **tried** to cook a big meal for a party?
- Tom:** Yes! I **cooked** a three-course dinner for twenty people last New Year.
- Nadia:** Wow! **Did** anything go wrong?
- Tom:** I **forgot** to turn the oven on, so the main course **started** late.
- Nadia:** **Have** you ever **taken** a cooking class since then?
- Tom:** Actually, I **have** just **finished** one last month. I **learned** a lot!