

Simple Past vs Present Perfect

B1 Intermediate · Lesson 2 · Student Worksheet

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Exercise 1 · Which Tense? (8 points)

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

1. The company withdrew from the market last January. Simple Past / Present Perfect

2. She has accumulated considerable expertise since joining the firm. Simple Past / Present Perfect

3. The bridge collapsed during the storm three years ago. Simple Past / Present Perfect

4. He has never successfully negotiated a deal of this scale. Simple Past / Present Perfect

5. Did she inherit the estate from her grandmother? Simple Past / Present Perfect

6. A new approach to the problem has emerged in recent weeks. Simple Past / Present Perfect

7. They exhausted their reserves in the final months of the campaign. Simple Past / Present Perfect

8. I have convinced myself that this is the right decision. Simple Past / Present Perfect

Exercise 2 · Multiple Choice (8 points)

Circle the correct verb form.

1. The movement ____ from a series of small protests in 2018.

emerged / has emerged / has emerge

2. She ____ significant influence within the organisation since her promotion.

accumulated / has accumulated / did accumulate

3. The government ____ from the agreement ____ the pressure mounted.

withdrew / as / has withdrawn / since / did withdraw / when

4. He ____ all available options before submitting his proposal.

exhausted / has exhausted / have exhausted

5. ____ she ever ____ a more experienced opponent in court?

Did / convince / Has / convinced / Did / convinced

6. They ____ the terms of the contract ____ six difficult months.

negotiated / over / have negotiated / for / did negotiate / since

7. The structure ____ under the weight of accumulated debt since the acquisition.
collapsed / has collapsed / did collapse
8. He ____ a substantial fortune from his uncle when the will was read.
inherited / has inherited / have inherited

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. The building collapsed during the earthquake last year. | [____] |
| 2. She has accumulated decades of experience in the field. | [____] |
| 3. He convinced the board to approve the plan in March. | [____] |
| 4. A clearer picture has emerged since the investigation began. | [____] |
| 5. They exhausted the budget within the first quarter. | [____] |
| 6. She has never inherited anything of significant value. | [____] |
| 7. The two sides negotiated a settlement last autumn. | [____] |
| 8. He has withdrawn from public life since the scandal. | [____] |

- c. A persuasion that took place at a specific finished moment.
g. An agreement reached at a named time that is now concluded.
e. Resources used up completely during a specific finished period.
a. A sudden structural failure that occurred at a known time in the past.
h. A retreat that began at some point and continues to the present.
b. Expertise built up over time that is still relevant today.
f. A life experience — this has not happened at any point so far.
d. New understanding that has developed up to the present moment.

Exercise 4 · Gap Fill (8 points)

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

- The movement _____ from years of grassroots activism. (*emerge*)
- She _____ a remarkable portfolio of work since she began. (*accumulate*)
- _____ before or after the evacuation? (*collapse*)
- He _____ a jury with such limited evidence. (*convince*)
- They _____ every diplomatic channel available to them. (*exhaust*)
- _____ the full estate yet? (*inherit*)
- The two parties _____ the final terms in a closed session last week. (*negotiate*)
- He _____ his candidacy since the allegations surfaced. (*withdraw*)

Exercise 5 · Word Order (8 points)

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

1. The / company / withdrew / from / the / market / last / year

2. She / has / accumulated / great / experience / since / joining

3. Did / the / bridge / collapse / during / the / storm

4. He / has / never / convinced / a / jury / with / such / evidence

5. They / exhausted / their / reserves / in / the / final / months

6. A / new / approach / has / emerged / in / recent / weeks

7. She / inherited / the / estate / from / her / grandmother

8. He / has / withdrawn / from / public / life / since / the / scandal

Exercise 6 · Word Sort (8 points)

Write each sentence in the correct column.

The structure ___ under the strain during the 2017 floods. • They ___ all their funds before the project was complete. • Both sides ___ tirelessly and ___ an agreement this week. • The government ___ from the talks at a critical moment last month. • She ___ a large collection of rare manuscripts from her aunt. • He ___ never ___ an audience as sceptical as this one. • She ___ a wealth of knowledge since she began her research. • A consensus ___ gradually among the members over recent months.

Completed action — specific finished time	Connected to the present — no specific time

Exercise 7 · Complete the Conversation (8 points)

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

Elena: Professor, your research (has attracted / attracted / did attract) significant attention since you published last spring.

Professor Holt: Thank you. I (pursued / have pursued / did pursue) this approach for several years before the results (emerged / have emerged / has emerged) clearly.

Elena: (Did / Have / Do) you ever (anticipate / anticipated / anticipating) that the funding bodies would be so resistant?

Professor Holt: Honestly, yes. I (exhausted / have exhausted / did exhaust) all conventional channels of support before I (approached / have approached / approach) private donors.

Elena: And (have / did / do) you (accumulated / accumulate / accumulating) sufficient backing since then?

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6. A new approach to the problem has emerged in recent weeks. → **PP**
7. They exhausted their reserves in the final months of the campaign. → **SP**
8. I have convinced myself that this is the right decision. → **PP**

Exercise 2 · Multiple Choice — Answers

1. **emerged**
2. **has accumulated**
3. **withdrew / as**
4. **exhausted**
5. **Has / convinced**
6. **negotiated / over**
7. **has collapsed**
8. **inherited**

Exercise 3 · Matching — Answers

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2. She has accumulated decades of experience in the field. → **b**
3. He convinced the board to approve the plan in March. → **c**
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5. They exhausted the budget within the first quarter. → **e**
6. She has never inherited anything of significant value. → **f**
7. The two sides negotiated a settlement last autumn. → **g**
8. He has withdrawn from public life since the scandal. → **h**

Exercise 4 · Gap Fill — Answers

1. The movement **emerged** from years of grassroots activism.
2. She **has accumulated** a remarkable portfolio of work since she began.
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5. They **exhausted** every diplomatic channel available to them.
6. **Has she inherited** the full estate yet?
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Exercise 5 · Word Order — Answers

1. **The company withdrew from the market last year .**
2. **She has accumulated great experience since joining .**
3. **Did the bridge collapse during the storm ?**
4. **He has never convinced a jury with such evidence .**
5. **They exhausted their reserves in the final months .**
6. **A new approach has emerged in recent weeks .**
7. **She inherited the estate from her grandmother .**
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Exercise 6 · Word Sort — Answers

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She ____ a large collection of rare manuscripts from her aunt.	Both sides ____ tirelessly and ____ an agreement this week.

Exercise 7 · Conversation — Answers

Elena: Professor, your research **has attracted** significant attention since you published last spring.

Professor Holt: Thank you. I **pursued** this approach for several years before the results **emerged** clearly.

Elena: **Did** you ever **anticipate** that the funding bodies would be so resistant?

Professor Holt: Honestly, yes. I **exhausted** all conventional channels of support before I **approached** private donors.

Elena: And **have** you **accumulated** sufficient backing since then?