

Simple Past vs Present Perfect

B1 Intermediate · Lesson 3 · Student Worksheet

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Exercise 1 · Which Tense? (8 points)

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

1. The city has flourished since the new investment arrived. Simple Past / Present Perfect

2. She surrendered her passport at the border last Thursday. Simple Past / Present Perfect

3. He encountered a significant flaw in the methodology two weeks ago. Simple Past / Present Perfect

4. The authorities have reconstructed the events of that evening since new evidence emerged. Simple Past / Present Perfect

5. They abandoned the project before it reached completion. Simple Past / Present Perfect

6. Her health has deteriorated considerably since the diagnosis. Simple Past / Present Perfect

7. Did he betray the confidence of his colleagues? Simple Past / Present Perfect

8. She has concealed her involvement in the matter for years. Simple Past / Present Perfect

Exercise 2 · Multiple Choice (8 points)

Circle the correct verb form.

1. The town ____ remarkably since the railway arrived in the 1880s.

flourished / has flourished / did flourish

2. She ____ the plan the moment the risks became clear.

abandoned / has abandoned / have abandoned

3. He ____ his associates by leaking the document ____ last autumn.

betrayed / in / has betrayed / since / did betray / during

4. Investigators ____ the sequence of events since new evidence came to light.

reconstructed / have reconstructed / did reconstruct

5. ____ she ever ____ information from the committee before?

Did / conceal / Has / concealed / Did / concealed

6. The building ____ badly ____ the renovation works were halted.

deteriorated / since / has deteriorated / since / did deteriorate / after

7. The rebel forces ____ after three weeks of intense negotiations.

surrendered / have surrendered / has surrendered

8. He ____ an unexpected obstacle early in the investigation.

encountered / has encountered / have encountered

Exercise 3 · Matching (8 points)

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

1. They abandoned the project last spring. [____]

2. She has concealed the truth for over a decade. [____]

3. He betrayed his colleagues during the crisis. [____]

4. The infrastructure has deteriorated since the cuts began. [____]

5. She encountered serious resistance at the first meeting. [____]

6. The community has flourished since the centre opened. [____]

7. Did they reconstruct the sequence of events last year? [____]

8. He has never surrendered his principles under pressure. [____]

g. A question about a specific investigative process in the finished past.

f. Growth that began at a point in the past and is still ongoing.

e. An obstacle faced at a specific finished moment.

b. A secret kept continuously from the past up to the present moment.

a. A decision to stop something that was made at a specific time in the past.

h. A life experience — this has not happened at any point so far.

c. A specific act of disloyalty that happened at a known time.

d. A gradual worsening that started in the past and continues now.

Exercise 4 · Gap Fill (8 points)

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

1. The region _____ since the peace agreement was signed. (*flourish*)

2. She _____ the manuscript halfway through and never returned to it.
(*abandon*)

3. _____ his associates deliberately? (*betray*)

4. Investigators _____ the chain of events since the hearing began.
(*reconstruct*)

5. He _____ a significant barrier during the early stages of the study.
(*encounter*)

6. _____ since the last inspection? (*deteriorate*)

7. She _____ her true identity for the entirety of her career. (*conceal*)

8. The garrison _____ after a prolonged siege in the winter of 1813.
(surrender)

Exercise 5 · Word Order (8 points)

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

1. The / city / has / flourished / since / the / investment / arrived

2. She / abandoned / the / project / before / it / was / complete

3. Did / he / betray / the / confidence / of / his / colleagues

4. They / have / reconstructed / the / events / since / new / evidence / emerged

5. He / encountered / a / serious / flaw / in / the / data

6. Her / condition / has / deteriorated / since / the / last / review

7. She / has / concealed / her / involvement / for / many / years

8. The / troops / surrendered / after / weeks / of / negotiations

Exercise 6 · Word Sort (8 points)

Write each sentence in the correct column.

The building ____ steadily since the owners withdrew their funding. • Experts ____ only part of the original structure so far. • The rebels ____ their weapons at the end of the conflict. • The town ____ remarkably in the years following the peace treaty. • They ____ a fundamental problem with the design in the early tests. • She ____ her true motives since the very beginning of the process. • The organisation ____ under its new leadership since 2020. • He ____ his allies at a moment of great vulnerability last year.

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.

Journalist: Director, the community (has flourished / flourished / did flourish) considerably since the centre (opened / has opened / open) its doors five years ago.

Director Vasquez: That is true, though we (encountered / have encountered / did encounter) several serious obstacles in the early stages.

Journalist: (Did / Have / Do) you ever (fear / feared / fearing) whether the project might be abandoned?

Director Vasquez: At one point, yes. The building (had deteriorated / has deteriorated / deteriorated) so badly that we nearly (abandoned / have abandoned / abandon) the entire plan.

Journalist: And (have / did / do) you (reconstructed / reconstruct / reconstructing) what caused the early delays?

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Exercise 2 · Multiple Choice — Answers

1. **has flourished**
2. **abandoned**
3. **betrayed / in**
4. **have reconstructed**
5. **Has / concealed**
6. **has deteriorated / since**
7. **surrendered**
8. **encountered**

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8. He has never surrendered his principles under pressure. → **h**

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5. He **encountered** a significant barrier during the early stages of the study.
6. **Has the situation deteriorated** since the last inspection?
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Exercise 5 · Word Order — Answers

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