

Past Simple / Present Perfect Simple

A Choose the correct answer.

- 1. I'm really hungry. I (haven't eaten / didn't eat) yet.
- 2. They (arrived / have arrived) a week ago.
- 3. We (have worked / worked) here for three years.
- 4. They (didn't recognise / haven't recognised) me at yesterday's meeting.
- 5. Our neighbour (was / has been) in hospital since Friday.
- 6. (Have you travelled / Did you travel) abroad many times?

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or the Present Perfect Simple.

- 1. John (not call) me recently.
- 2. They (buy) a new car last month.
- 3. The teacher (not return) the tests yet.
- 4. How long she (know) about this problem?
- 5. you ever (hear) such an unbelievable story?
- 6. When I was a child, I (live) in England for two years.
- 7. He (buy) me a beautiful gift for my birthday.
- 8. I am so excited to have a dog. I (always / want) one.

C Correct the error in each of the sentences.

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| 1. Have you ever eat Chinese food?
..... | 5. Mr Brown already left the office.
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| 2. She has moved to another city last year.
..... | 6. We haven't been abroad since a year.
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| 3. They have sent out the invitations yet.
..... | 7. The lesson has started ten minutes ago.
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| 4. Jack hasn't seen Jill since she has graduated.
..... | 8. Did she just leave?
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D Complete the passage with suitable words.

I ¹..... always been very fit and healthy, and I have ²..... had a serious illness. However, a couple of weeks ³....., I caught the flu. I must admit that until then, I ⁴..... not realised just how unpleasant the flu could be. I had a high temperature for nearly a week, and my whole body hurt. I don't think I have ⁵..... felt so miserable. It's taking me ages to get my strength back. It really bothers me that I haven't had enough energy to play football ⁶..... I got ill. In fact, I have ⁷..... been to the doctor to ask if it's normal to feel weak for so long. He says I'll soon feel better. Apparently I'm lucky. For some people, especially the old and the weak, the flu can be very serious. Doctors have tried ⁸..... years to find a cure for the flu, but they haven't found one ⁹..... Fortunately, researchers have developed a vaccine which gives effective protection against the disease. According to my doctor, most of his elderly patients have ¹⁰..... received their flu shots.

Past Simple / Present Perfect Simple – Answers

- A**
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| 1. haven't eaten | 4. didn't recognise |
| 2. arrived | 5. has been |
| 3. have worked | 6. Have you travelled |

- B**
1. hasn't called / has not called
 2. bought
 3. hasn't returned / has not returned
 4. has ... known
 5. Have ... heard
 6. lived
 7. bought
 8. have always wanted

- C**
1. Have you ever eaten Chinese food?
 2. She moved to another city last year.
 3. They haven't sent out the invitations yet.
 4. Jack hasn't seen Jill since she graduated.
 5. Mr Brown has already left the office.
 6. We haven't been abroad for a year.
 7. The lesson started ten minutes ago.
 8. Has she just left?

- D**
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| 1. have | 6. since |
| 2. never | 7. already /just |
| 3. ago | 8. for |
| 4. had | 9. yet |
| 5. ever | 10. Already |

Past Simple / Past Continuous / Past Perfect Simple

A Choose the correct answer.

1. I heard a knock at the front door so I (went / was going) to answer it.
2. At this time yesterday, I (wrote / was writing) an essay.
3. The football season (began / was beginning) a month ago.
4. She (had graduated / graduated) from school in 2001.
5. We entered the house quietly because everyone (was sleeping / had slept).
6. By the time we (got / had got) to the cinema, the film had already started.
7. The children (were playing / played) in the garden while their parents were watching them.
8. They (had left / left) many hours before we arrived.

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple, Past Continuous or Past Perfect Simple.

1. They (get) to the airport as the plane was landing. 2. She wore the shoes she (buy) the previous day. 3. I fell as I (run) for the bus.
4. What she (say) when he asked her to marry him?
5. When I was a student, I (not have) much money.
6. Why she still (work) at one o'clock in the morning?
7. I was happy to see her, because we (not see) each other for years.
8. By the time we got to the shop, a long queue already (form) outside.

C Choose the sentence which is closer in meaning to the original.

1. I had already seen the film but I decided to watch it again last night.
 - a. I watched the film last night for the first time.
 - b. Last night wasn't the first time that I had seen the film.
2. The boys were playing football while it was raining.
 - a. The boys were playing football until it started to rain.
 - b. The boys played football in the rain.
3. I was writing an e-mail when our computer broke down.
 - a. Our computer broke down before I wrote an e-mail.
 - b. I had started writing an e-mail and then our computer broke down.
4. My aunt bought me a lovely gift after she had spent the summer holiday with us.
 - a. When the summer holiday was over, my aunt bought me a lovely gift.
 - b. While my aunt was spending the summer holiday with us, she bought us a lovely gift.

D Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Until a few years ago, no one ¹ (hear) of Harry Potter, the young wizard and hero of the children's book *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. The writer, J K Rowling, ² (already / write) several stories and books, but this was the first book that was published. She ³ (get) the idea for the story of a wizard at magic school while she ⁴ (travel) on a train to London. By the time the train ⁵ (reach) King's Cross station, she ⁶ (invent) most of the characters. When the book was published in 1997, no one ⁷ (imagine) it would be such a tremendous success, but it quickly ⁸ (become) a bestseller. While millions of young readers in many countries ⁹ (enjoy) her first Harry Potter book, J K Rowling ¹⁰ (think) of ideas for the next book in this incredibly popular series.

Past Simple / Past Continuous / Past Perfect Simple – Answers

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| 1. went | 5. was sleeping |
| 2. was writing | 6. got |
| 3. began | 7. were playing |
| 4. graduated | 8. had left |

- B**
1. got
 2. had bought
 3. was running
 4. did ... say
 5. didn't have
 6. was ... working
 7. hadn't seen
 8. had ... formed

- C**
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| 1. b | 3. b |
| 2. b | 4. a |

- D**
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|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. had heard | 6. had invented |
| 2. had already written | 7. imagined |
| 3. got | 8. became |
| 4. was travelling | 9. were enjoying |
| 5. reached | 10. was thinking |

PRESENT PERFECT / PAST PERFECT / PAST SIMPLE / PAST CONTINUOUS

2. Write the sentences in the negative.

1. I worked in a supermarket.
2. My father lived in Las Vegas.
3. Lisa was cooking pasta for everybody.
4. Candice and I were buying old dolls.
5. Tom and Tina have written books for children.
6. She has done all the exercises.
7. You had spoken too fast.
8. They had told many *lies* (*mentiras*)

3. Write questions for these answers.

1. I bought the book yesterday.
2. I found a doll in the park.
3. I was reading People magazine.
4. They were living in Manchester then,
5. I have been at home all day.
6. We have lived in this house for six years.
7. He had stolen a car.
8. He had lost his job three months before.

4 Choose the correct words.

- 1 They've **already** / **yet** visited Venice.
- 2 Have you **ever** / **never** seen a ghost?
- 3 Has she finished work **just** / **yet**?
- 4 They've been married **for** / **since** October.
- 5 Lucy has worked in the circus **since** / **for** she was a child.
- 6 David has **just** / **yet** got back from holiday.

5 Complete the sentences with:

yet ago ever last night for since

- 1 John has lived in London 1995.
- 2 I haven't finished my homework
- 3 What time did you go to bed ?
- 4 Have you eaten Chinese food?
- 5 My parents flew to Paris 10 days
- 6 We have lived in the same house..... many years.

6 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or Present Perfect of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We (watch) a great film last night.
- 2 I never (eat) such a tasty meal!
- 3 My family and I (move) to a new flat last month.
- 4 you (play) tennis yesterday?
- 5 I miss Sophie. I (not see) her for five years.
- 6 I just (finish) my homework.
- 7 I was tired, so I (sleep) late last Saturday morning.
- 8 How long you (have) this puppy?
- 9 I (speak) to my friends on the phone last night.
- 10 you (see) my pen? I can't find it.
- 11 Colin (never break) any windows with his soccer ball.

7 Choose the correct tense (Simple Past or Past Perfect).

1. They (show)_____ me the pictures, they (take)_____ during their holidays.
2. In the evening, the children (tell)_____ their daddy what they (see)_____ at the zoo.
3. The boy (be)_____ very sorry for what he (do) _____
4. My friend (eat)_____ up all the biscuit we (bake) _____
5. The teacher (correct)_____ the tests we (write) _____
6. I (give)_____ them some of the candies I (buy) _____
7. My sister (see / not)_____ the note that I (leave)_____ on the kitchen table for her.
8. We (want)_____ to watch a film that we (see / not)_____ before.
9. When Simon (go)_____ out to play, he (do)_____ his homework.
10. Before that day in winter, the African boy (not/see)_____ snow in his life.
11. She (give)_____ me the book that she (read) _____
12. We (go)_____ to London because the Queen (invite)_____ us for tea.

ANSWERS

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1. I didn't work in a supermarket.
2. My father didn't live in Las Vegas.
3. Lisa wasn't cooking pasta for everybody.
4. Candice and I weren't buying old dolls.
5. Tom and Tina haven't written books for children.
6. She hasn't done all the exercises.
7. You hadn't spoken too fast.
8. They hadn't told many *lies* (*mentiras*)

3.

1. When did you buy the book?
2. What did you find in the park?
3. What were you doing?
4. Where were they living?
5. Where have you been all day?
6. How long have you lived in this house?
7. What had he stolen?
8. When has he lost his job?

- 4**
- 1 already
 - 2 ever
 - 3 yet
 - 4 since
 - 5 since
 - 6 just

- 5**
- 1 since
 - 2 yet
 - 3 last night
 - 4 ever
 - 5 ago
 - 6 for

- 6**
1. watched
 2. have never eaten
 3. moved
 4. did you play
 5. haven't seen
 6. have just finished
 7. slept
 8. have you had
 9. spoke
 10. have you seen
 11. Has never broken

- 7**
1. showed, had taken
 2. told, had seen
 3. was, had done
 4. ate, had baked
 5. corrected, had written
 6. gave, had bought
 7. didn't see , had left
 8. wanted, hadn't seen
 9. went, had done
 10. had not seen
 11. gave, had read
 12. went, had invited