



Simple Past versus Present Perfect

Tutee Lesson

STEP 1: Assessment

- What do you know about the present perfect tense?

STEP 2: Theory

- Conjugate the verb “work” in the **present perfect** and **simple past** tenses in the chart below.
- Also, fill out the keywords for each tense.

Useful Expressions

- How do you say _____ in English?
- Could you repeat, please?
- I don't understand.

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Form	Simple Past	Present Perfect
Affirmative	You He	You He
Negative	You He	You He
Yes/No Question and Short Answer	you ? Yes, he ? No,	you ? Yes, he ? No,
Keywords		

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USE: Choose the correct verb tense for the given use.

- An action that began and ended at a specific time.
- An action that took place at an unspecified time in the past.
- An action that started in the past and continues into the present.
- An action that was repeated in the past.

STEP 3: Controlled and Communicative Exercises

EXERCISE 1: Highlight the keyword(s). Then, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.
Use present perfect or simple past tenses.

1. I (**know**) _____ my best friend since I was five.
 - Ask me how long I have known my best friend.
2. _____ you ever (**be**) _____ caught in a bad snowstorm?
 - Ask me if I have ever been caught in a snowstorm.
3. What time (**come**) _____ you _____ to school yesterday?
 - Ask me what time I came to school yesterday.

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EXERCISE 2: Match the sentences from Exercise 1 with their present perfect or simple past use in the chart below. Just write the number of the sentence.

Sentence#	Present Perfect Use
	A long action was in progress when a short action occurred.
	Two long actions were in progress at the same time in the past.
Sentence#	Simple Past Use
	A long action was in progress at a specific time in the past.

EXERCISE 3: Make questions in the present perfect or simple past using the cues. Then, take turns asking each other the questions.

E.g. What is something you haven't eaten today?

1. (something you haven't done today)
2. (something you did yesterday)
3. (something you didn't do last night)
4. (something you haven't done yet in your life)

STEP 4: Production task

EXERCISE 4: *Play Liar, Liar.*

***You will need: scrap paper and a pencil to keep score.**

Instructions: Conjugate the verbs in parentheses. Then, ask the tutor the question. The response must be in the present perfect affirmative.

E.g. "Yes, I have broken a bone."

Then, the tutee will ask a follow-up question to see if they are telling the truth.

E.g. Which bone did you break?

If the tutee spots a lie, they get the point. If the tutor has not lied or the lie goes undetected, the tutor gets the point.

1. Have you ever (break) a bone?
2. Have you ever (forgive) someone who lied to you?
3. Have you ever (hurt) a dear friend?
4. Have you ever (keep) a secret?
5. Have you ever (lose) something valuable?
6. Have you ever (burn) dinner?
7. Have you ever (meet) someone famous?
8. Have you ever (pay) a parking ticket?
9. Have you ever (write) a love letter?

- 10. Have you ever (text) while driving?
- 11. Have you ever (tell) a white lie?
- 12. Have you ever (wear) your clothes inside-out?
- 13. Have you ever (wake up) drunk?
- 14. Have you ever (sleep) 12 hours?

STEP 5: Final Review

- What new words did you learn today?
- What are the auxiliary verbs in the the simple past?
- How do you form the present perfect tense?

Tutor Note

- Ask "how do you say" questions with the words the tutee does not mention.

Important

- Write down the words you learned today and study them.

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STEP 2: Theory

Present Perfect versus Simple Past Tenses – Form		
Form	Present Perfect	Simple Past
Affirmative	You have worked He has worked	You worked He worked
Negative	You haven't worked He hasn't worked	You didn't work He didn't work
Yes/ No Questions and Short Answers	Have you worked? Yes, I have Has he worked? No, he hasn't	Did you work? Yes, I did Did he work? No, he didn't
Keywords	ever yet still already recently lately up to now just for since never ever	yesterday last night ten years ago in 2002

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Present Perfect Tense - Use	
• an action that began and ended at a specific time	simple past
• an action that took place at an unspecified time in the past	present perfect
• an action that started in the past and continues into the present	present perfect
• an action that was repeated in the past	present perfect

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EXERCISE 1: Highlight the keyword(s). Then, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Use present perfect or simple past tenses.

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 - Ask me how long I have known my best friend.
- _____ you ever (**be**) _____ caught in a bad snowstorm?
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