



# Simple Past versus Present Perfect

**Tutor Annotated 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
<b>Affirmative</b>	You <i>have worked</i> . He <i>has worked</i> .	You <i>worked</i> . He <i>worked</i> .
<b>Negative</b>	You <i>haven't worked</i> . He <i>hasn't worked</i> .	You <i>didn't work</i> . He <i>didn't work</i> .
<b>Yes/No Question and Short Answer</b>	<i>Have</i> you <i>worked</i> ? Yes, <i>have</i> . <i>Has</i> he <i>worked</i> ? No, <i>hasn't</i> .	<i>Have</i> you <i>worked</i> ? Yes, <i>have</i> . <i>Has</i> he <i>worked</i> ? No, <i>hasn't</i> .
<b>Keywords</b>	<i>just---already---yet---lately---recently</i> <i>never---ever---since</i> <i>for (with events that have not finished)</i>	<i>yesterday---a week ago---last month</i> <i>in 2002---since</i> <i>for (with events that have finished)</i>

## TIP

**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.

*simple past*

*present perfect*

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## 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**) *have known* my best friend since I was five.
  - Ask me how long I have known my best friend.
2. *Have* you ever (**be**) *been* caught in a bad snowstorm?
  - Ask me if I have ever been caught in a snowstorm.
3. What time (**come**) *did* you *come* 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 *broken* (break) a bone?
2. Have you ever *forgiven* (forgive) someone who lied to you?
3. Have you ever *hurt* (hurt) a dear friend?
4. Have you ever *kept* (keep) a secret?
5. Have you ever *lost* (lose) something valuable?
6. Have you ever *burnt* (burn) dinner?
7. Have you ever *met* (meet) someone famous?
8. Have you ever *paid* (pay) a parking ticket?
9. Have you ever *written* (write) a love letter?

10. Have you ever *texted* (text) while driving?
11. Have you ever *told* (tell) a white lie?
12. Have you ever *worn* (wear) your clothes inside-out?
13. Have you ever *waken up* (wake up) drunk?
14. Have you ever *slept* (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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Yes/ No Questions and Short Answers	Have you worked? Yes, I have. Has he worked? No, he hasn't.	<u>Did you</u> work? Yes, I did. <u>Did he</u> work? No, he <u>didn't</u> .
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## Present Perfect Tense - Use

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an action that happened at a particular time in the past with no relation to the present</li> </ul>	simple past
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