

PAST SIMPLE vs. PRESENT PERFECT

1. Fill in the blanks with the Past Simple of the verbs in brackets.

1. When I _____ (be) in Japan I _____ (find) everything very different.
2. Two years ago my parents _____ (buy) a new car.
3. Last summer Peter _____ (spend) his holidays in a summer camp with his friends. They _____ (go) swimming, they _____ (play) football and golf they _____ (visit) many interesting places.
4. My sister _____ (get) a good job in a bank.
5. Susan and her cousins _____ (come) to Portugal ten years ago.
6. My sister and her husband _____ (come) from Greece yesterday.
7. I _____ (not like) the U2 concert.
8. My cousin _____ (phone) from France yesterday evening.
9. On Monday Johann _____ (go) to school on foot.
10. (they / leave) _____ the country last Saturday?
11. (you / like) _____ the film?
12. They _____ (not finish) the homework yesterday.
13. (she / go) _____ to the cinema with her parents last night?
14. No, she didn't. She _____ (stay) at home. She _____ (get) a cold.
15. We _____ (go) to Spain by car.
16. I _____ (have) a wonderful holiday with my family last July.
17. (you / travel) _____ to Madrid by car or by plane?
18. Many years ago it _____ (be) very difficult to live without electricity.
19. Last year they _____ (buy) a house at the seaside.
20. I _____ (meet) him the day before yesterday.

2. Fill in the blanks with the Present Perfect of the verbs in brackets.

1. _____ you _____ (see) the new Twilight film?
2. Hector _____ (have/just) his injection.
3. I _____ (not/brush) the dog yet.
4. My father _____ (never/wear) jeans.
5. Kate and Sarah _____ (not/choose) their clothes for the school trip yet.
6. _____ your brother _____ (ever/eat) Chinese food?
7. They _____ (never/be) to Japan.
8. Mum isn't ready. She _____ (not/pack) her things yet.
9. How long _____ (you/have) this car? I _____ (have) it since 1989.
10. _____ (you/see) Ann? I want to talk to her.
11. No, I _____ (not/see) her for a month now.
12. Would you like to go to the cinema with us? No, I _____ (not/finish) my homework yet.
13. _____ (you/ever/be) to the USA?
14. Yes, I _____ (be) there three times so far.
15. Mary works in a hotel. She _____ (work) there for three years.
16. Bill _____ (never/eat) Chinese food.
17. Tim, are you still studying? No, I _____ (just/finish).
18. John is not at home. _____ (he/go) to the supermarket?

3. Use simple Past or Present Perfect.

1. _____ Helen ever _____ (try) sushi?
2. _____ you _____ (go) to the wedding last night?
3. I _____ never _____ (be) to Paris.
4. This year I _____ (travel) to Athens 3 times so far.
5. Paul and Judith _____ (be) married since 1998.
6. _____ you _____ (finish) your homework yet?
7. Last night aunt Betty _____ (come) by. She _____ (tell) us that this summer they are going to Hawaii.
8. I _____ (visit) many different countries so far. Last summer I _____ (go) to Italy and 3 years ago I _____ (be) in Spain. I _____ (not/visit) Germany yet.
9. When _____ you _____ (come) to Greece? I _____ (come) in 2007.
10. _____ you _____ (watch) the film E.T. yesterday?
11. They _____ already _____ (leave) the train station.
12. How long _____ you _____ (know) Jonathan?
13. I _____ (meet) him in 2009, so I _____ (know) him for 3 years.
14. What _____ (happen) to Lucy last night?
15. _____ you _____ (read) "Harry Potter" when you were on holidays?
16. I _____ (see) the twins in town last week.
17. _____ (you/ever/meet) her brother?
18. Where _____ (you/be) last weekend?
19. _____ (you/see) Kathleen?
20. We _____ (not/go) on holiday last year.
21. I love clothes. I _____ (buy) a lot this year.
22. What _____ (you/do) last weekend?
23. Dad _____ (repair) the car, you can use it now.
24. Agatha Christie _____ (live) from 1890 to 1976.
25. Granny still _____ (not/find) her glasses.
26. Where _____ (you/buy) your laptop?
27. Oh! You _____ (paint) the kitchen, I like the colour.
28. What time _____ (you/get) home last night?
29. Emma! Your letter _____ (arrive) at last!
30. The weather _____ (be) good all week.
31. I _____ (finish) work early yesterday.
32. Sue's not here, she _____ (go) out.
33. The weather _____ (not/be) very good last week.
34. We _____ (be) to the cinema twice this month.
35. Brian _____ (live) in England until the age of 14.