**Unit # 1 Lesson # 2 \*\*\*Grammar Corner\*\*\***

***Please, look at the main forms of such tenses as Past Simple and Present Perfect and the context, in which these two tenses are used as a rule in the English language:***

***Past Simple***

***Main pattern for forming Past Simple Tense:***

***Affirmative:*** Subject + past tense of the verb (e.g., I walked, he ate)

***Negative:*** Subject + did not + base form of the verb (e.g., I did not walk, he did not eat)

***Interrogative:*** Did + subject + base form of the verb? (e.g., Did you walk? Did he eat?)

***Time Expressions:***

***Specific time indicators:*** yesterday, last week, last year, in 2010, on Monday, two days ago, etc.

***Present Perfect***

***Main pattern for forming Present Perfect Tense:***

***Affirmative:*** Subject + has/have + past participle (e.g., I have walked, she has eaten)

***Negative:*** Subject + has/have not + past participle (e.g., I have not walked, she has not eaten)

***Interrogative:*** Has/Have + subject + past participle? (e.g., Have you walked? Has she eaten?)

***Time Expressions:***

Non-specific time indicators: ever, never, for + duration (e.g., for two years), since + starting point (e.g., since 2010), today, already, just, yet, recent, etc.

***!!! N.B.***

Past Simple is used for actions completed at a specific time in the past.

Present Perfect is used for actions connected to the present or for life experiences without specifying when they happened.

***Practice Exercises: “Past Simple vs. Present Perfect”***

***Ex 1. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate form of Past Simple or Present Perfect:***

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (obtained) my Bachelor’s degree in 2015.

2. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (worked) on her dissertation for two years before graduating.

3. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (published) several research papers last year.

4. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (completed) his Master’s program in 2020.

5. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have researched) their topic for the past six months.

6. The senior lecturer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (has taugh) in this university since 2010.

7. How many students \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (enrolled) in the postgraduate study last year?

8. This research associate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (has stayed) in the doctoral school for five years.

***Ex 2. Make up sentences using the word combinations in brackets and the appropriate tenses Past Simple or Present Perfect:***

1. (магистратура) / (закончить) (Present Perfect) I have finished my Master’s degree.

2. (диссертация) / (защитить) (Past Simple) She defended her thesis last month.

3. (научный сотрудник) / (опубликовать) (Present Perfect) The research associate has published several articles

4. (аспирант) / (поступить) (Past Simple) The postgraduate student enrolled in the program in 2021.

5. (тема исследования) / (изучить) (Present Perfect) They have studied the research topic in detail.