



SIMPLE PAST & PRESENT PERFECT

- Simple past

✓ I lived

✓ You lived

✓ He/she/it lived

✓ We lived

✓ You lived

✓ They lived

Plural

- Present perfect

✓ I have lived

✓ You have lived

✓ He/she/it has lived

✓ We have lived

✓ You have lived

✓ They have lived

Plural

THE PAST FORM DESCRIBES A SINGLE, COMPLETED ACTION AT A PARTICULAR TIME IN THE PAST.

- ✓ I lived in Wellington for one year. (I don't live there now.)
- ✓ I met my friend Jack six years ago. (My sister introduced us.)
- ✓ John arrived at 11:00 yesterday. (He appeared at the office at a specific time.)

Put the verbs into the simple past:

1. Last year I _____(go) to England on holiday.
2. It _____ (be) fantastic.
3. I _____ (visit) lots of interesting places. ...
4. In the mornings _____ we (walk) in the streets of London.
5. In the evenings we _____(go) to pubs.
6. The weather _____(be) strangely fine.
7. It _____ (not / rain) a lot.
8. But we _____(see) some beautiful rainbows.

Make questions (simple past)

1. What you (**do**) last Sunday?
2. How many apples Anna (**take**) to school yesterday?
3. When you (**see**) the film at the cinema?
4. Where John (**leave**) his bike?

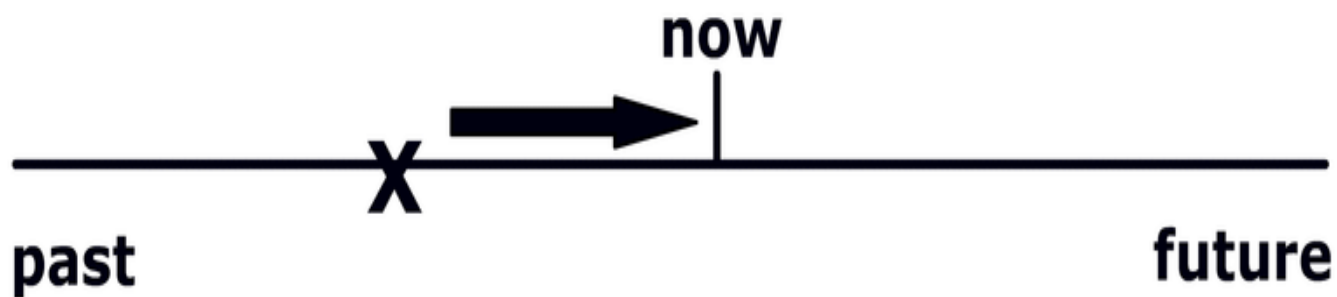
THE PRESENT PERFECT CAN DESCRIBE:

An action that began in the past but continues into the present.

- ✓ I have lived in La Rochelle for three months. (I came to La Rochelle to live, and I live here now).
- ✓ I have known my friend Jack for six years. (I met him in the past, and I continue to know him and have him as a friend).
- ✓ John has been here for two hours (and he is still here).

Present Perfect Simple 2

I have lived here for two years.



THE PRESENT PERFECT IS FORMED WITH *HAVE/HAS* +THE PAST PARTICIPLE OF THE VERB.

✓ I **have had** my cat for four years.

✓ She **has had** her book for a few months.

Affirmative sentence: I have read the book

Negative sentence: I haven't read the book

Question: have you read the book?

Signal words

1. Simple past

Yesterday, a year ago, in 2012....

2. Present perfect

- In recent years , already, ever, just, never, yet, not yet, so far, till now, up to now, recently

FOR OR SINCE?

- I haven't phoned home _____ Christmas
- We've been here _____ 8am
- I've worked for this company _____ more than 8 years
- I haven't visited my home town _____ I left school
- I haven't been to the cinema _____ ages
- I've had a driving licence _____ I was 18
- She hasn't had a day off _____ last June.
- Peter has been my best friend _____ we were 9

Present perfect continuous :

We put the emphasis on the duration(not the result).

He has been waiting for an hour and she still hasn't turned up.

The present perfect continuous is formed with
have/has been + verb (without to) + ing

I / you have been living

She/ has been living

We / you / they have been living

Negative sentence: I haven't been waiting

Question: have you been waiting ?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Video lesson:**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGw2-p2WuJk>
- **Full lesson on present perfect:**
- <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/english-grammar-reference/present-perfect>
- **Exercises:**
- <https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/present-perfect-exercises.html>