**What's the difference? Present Perfect and Past Simple**

| **Present Perfect Simple** | **Past Simple** |
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| Unfinished actions that started in the past and continue to the present:   * I**'ve known** Julie for ten years (and I still know her). | Finished actions:   * I **knew** Julie for ten years (but then she moved away and we lost touch). |
| A finished action in someone's life (when the person is still alive: life experience):   * My brother **has been** to Mexico three times. | A finished action in someone's life (when the person is dead):   * My great-grandmother **went** to Mexico three times. |
| A finished action with a result in the present:   * I**'ve lost** my keys! (The result is that I can't get into my house now). | A finished action with no result in the present:   * I **lost** my keys yesterday. It was terrible! (Now there is no result. I got new keys yesterday). |
| With an unfinished time word (this week, this month, today):   * I**'ve seen** John this week. | With a finished time word (last week, last month, yesterday):   * I **saw** John last week. |

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