

Past Simple-- Present Perfect-- Present Perfect Continuous Tense

Exercise for my Classes - UCAR

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B. Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Perfect or Past Simple.

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3. She _____ (pass) her degree last year, then she _____ (get) a job
in London.
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6. A: How many times _____ (you/be) to the cinema this year?
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7. A: When _____ (Paul and Sue/get) married?
B: I don't know.

8. A: Tom! I _____ (not/see) you for ages!

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B: I'm not. That man _____ (never/like) me.

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In Other Words: *Sınavlarda gelen 'Re-Write' Alistirmalarına örnek olsun diye ekledim.*

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- He moved to London two months ago.
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- It's a long time since we went out.⁷
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- *He started studying Spanish two years ago.*
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C. Complete the sentences using the words in brackets. Use two to five words.

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B: _____. (clean the house)

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