Much of the research concerning the Present Perfect tense (PP) has discussed and compared its use in British English (BrE) and American English (AmE). It is suggested that the PP is losing its ground to the Past Simple (SP). However, little is known on how native speakers of BrE and AmE employ the PP in their everyday life. This paper attempts to extend the scope of the notion of the PP and pinpoint how the variety of English affects the choice between the two competitive tenses. We will make use of a correlational study and conduct a questionnaire among Britons and Americans. The questionnaire is supposed to comprise five cases in which the participants will pick either the PP or the SP. We expect that the general trend will be confirmed and intend to find out more details. Theoretical and practical contributions, as well as limitations of the study, are thoroughly discussed in the paper.

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