

PRESENT PERFECT & PAST SIMPLE

We can use present perfect or past simple to talk about past actions.

**Present
Perfect**

**Past
Simple**

PRESENT PERFECT

We use present perfect to talk about past actions and experiences.

We use present perfect when the time of the action is not mentioned or not important..

**Time not
mentioned**

**I have seen that movie.
She has had an accident.
They have arrived.**



PAST SIMPLE

We use past simple when we mentioned the specific time that the action completed.

Time of the action is important.

I saw that movie last week.

She had an accident last year.

They arrived a few hours ago.



ASKING DURATION

We ask about duration of an action by using how long.

How long?

How long have you lived there?

How long has she waited?

How long have you worked there?

FOR / SINCE

We use for and since to talk about the duration of an action.

For
+
period of
time

I have lived there for two years.

I have waited her since 11.00 a.m.

I haven't seen him since I was a child.

Since
+
Starting
time

Exercises

1. I _____ him.(see)
2. The students _____ (leave) the school two hours ago.
3. What _____you _____ (cook) for dinner?
4. I _____ (wait) her a lot yesterday.
5. I _____ (talk) to him since the morning.
6. _____you_____ (be) abroad before?
7. When _____ you _____ (go)to Rome?
8. I _____ (read) this book.
9. I _____ (read) this book a few weeks ago.
10. _____you _____ (decide) yet?

Exercises

1. I haven't seen him.(not see)
2. The students left (leave) the school two hours ago.
3. What have you cooked (cook) for dinner?
4. I waited (wait) her a lot yesterday.
5. I haven't talked (not talk) to him since the morning.
6. Have you been (be) abroad before?
7. When did you go (go) to Rome?
8. I have read (read) this book.
9. I read (read) this book a few weeks ago.
10. Have you decided (decide) yet?

PRACTICE

Answer the questions and make similar questions.

**Have you ever
eaten sushi?**

**Have you ever
been abroad?**



**When did you
eat sushi?**

**Where did you
go?**

