

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.



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

JUST/ALREADY/YET

We usually use just/already/yet with present perfect tense.

Just
***recently**
completed

Already
***finished**
sooner than
expected

Yet
***not completed**
or expected to
happen soon

I have just arrived.
I have already eaten.
Have you finished your homework yet?
I haven't seen her yet.

NEVER/EVER/BEFORE

We usually use never/ever/before with present perfect tense to express past experiences.

Never

***I have never
been abroad**

Ever

***Have you
ever eaten
sushi?**

Before

*** I haven't seen
you before.**

HAVE GONE & HAVE BEEN TO

have gone
***still away**

have been
*** already returned**

Where is Jane?

She has gone
to Rome.

I've been there
before.



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.



PAST SIMPLE

We use past simple when we give details.



I have read that
book.

I read last year.

When did
you read it?

