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GRAMMAR

Present perfect *He's left.*

and past simple *He left at 8.00.*

Contrast

- **Present perfect** *Sorry, he isn't here. He's left.*
We know that this is recent. We do not know when exactly he left.
Past simple *Sorry, he isn't here. He left at 8.00.*
We know exactly when he left.

- **Present perfect** *Ronaldo **has scored** a goal!*
We are interested that he has scored! We are not interested in when he did this.
Past simple *Ronaldo **scored** a goal in the second minute of the match.*
We are interested in the time when he scored.

- **Present perfect** *I've **broken** my pen. Now I can't write.*
This explains why we can't do something now.
Past simple *I **broke** my pen at school in the maths test.*
This explains what happened, where it happened and when it happened.

- **Present perfect** ***Have you been** to China?* *Yes.*
This is a question about our experiences in the past.
Past simple *When **did** you **go** to China?* *I went in 1998.*
This is a question about exactly when we went to China.

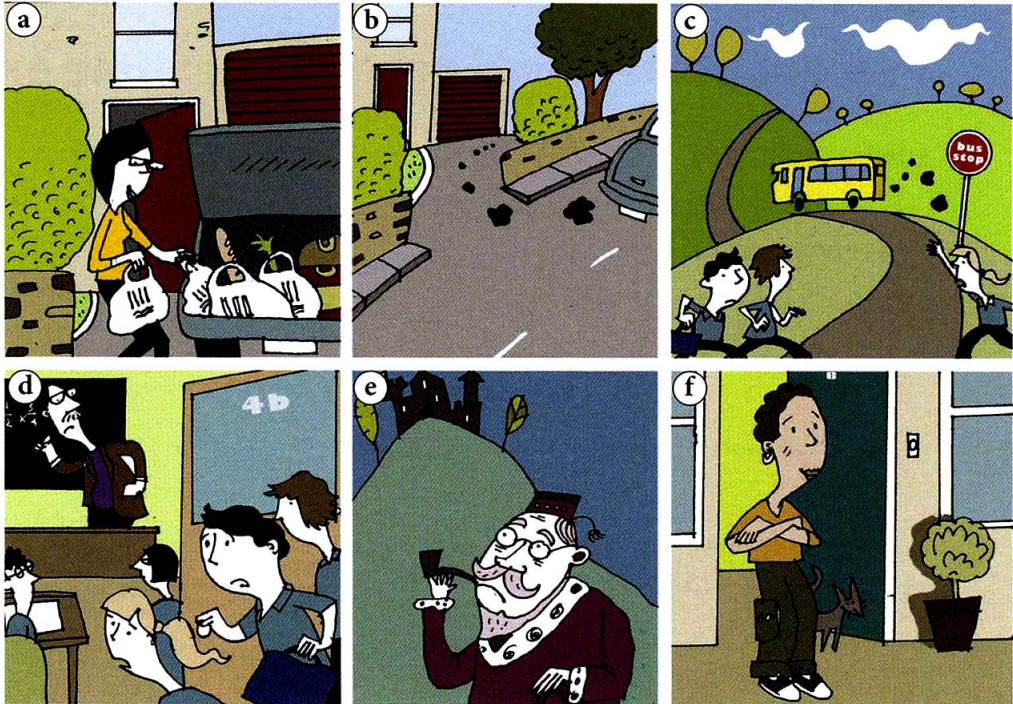
been and gone

*Kate has **been** to school.* (She went there and came back. She's at home now.)

*Kate has **gone** to school.* (She's not at home now. She's at school.)

GRAMMAR 17 PRESENT PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE

1 Choose the best picture (a–f) for each sentence (1–6).



- 1 I lived there for ten years.e.....
- 2 I have lived here for ten years.
- 3 Pat has gone shopping.
- 4 Pat has been shopping.
- 5 We've missed the bus.
- 6 We missed the bus.

2 Underline the correct verb form in each sentence.

- 1 Can I have another book? I ve read / read this one.
- 2 I'm not ready. I didn't finish / haven't finished my homework.
- 3 I can't find my wallet. I think I ve lost / lost it.
- 4 Did you eat / Have you eaten spaghetti last night?
- 5 Harry left / has left at 10.30.
- 6 Hurry up, Jim! You didn't start / haven't started!
- 7 Did you see / Have you seen the match on TV last night?

3 Complete the sentences with the past simple or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Where (you go) did you go for your holidays last year?
- 2 I can't play any more. I (just hurt) my foot.
- 3 Jane is a famous writer, and (write) over fifty books.
- 4 Sorry, I (not finish) my letters yet.
- 5 'We had a great party last week.' 'Who (you, invite) ?'
- 6 Where (you, meet) Sam? Was it at the sports centre?
- 7 Peter (not play) basketball for a month.

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GRAMMAR

Present perfect and past simple: time expressions

ever, just, yet, already, since, for, ago

Present perfect

We use the present perfect with:

- *ever, never* (any time / not any time)
Have you ever seen a lion? I've never seen a lion.
- *just* (a short time ago)
Is Peter here? No, he's just gone out. There he is!
- *yet* (not finished – with negatives and questions)
Have you finished your homework yet? No, I'm still doing it.
- *already* (finished – with statements)
Have a sandwich! No thanks, I've already eaten. I had lunch at 12.00.
- *since* (a point in time)



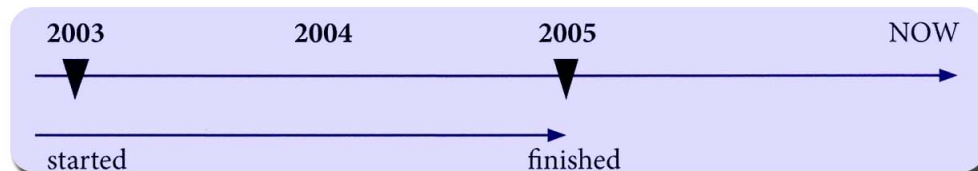
I've lived in this town since 2008. (I live here now.)

Present perfect or past simple

- *for* (a period of time)



I've lived in this town for three years. (I live here now.)



I lived in that flat for two years, but I don't live there now.

Past simple

- *ago*
I started learning English a year ago.

GRAMMAR 18 PRESENT PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE: TIME EXPRESSIONS

1 Match each sentence (1–7) with an explanation (a–g).

- 1 Jim has just written a book.*d*.....
2 Has Jim written a book yet?
3 Jim has already written a book.
4 Jim wrote a book a year ago.
5 Jim has never written a book.
6 Has Jim ever written a book?
7 Jim has written two books since 2006.

- a) This is not his first book.
b) Does Jim write books?
c) He finished his book last year.
d) He finished a few days ago.
e) Jim started writing in 2006 and has written two books between then and now.
f) Jim doesn't write books.
g) Has he finished a book?

2 Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- 1 Have you ever / *yet* visited Slovenia?
2 Tom has *for* / just come back from the USA.
3 I'm not hungry. I've *already* / since eaten.
4 Jane lived in Greece *since* / for fifteen years.
5 Brian and Claire got married *ten years ago* / since ten years.
6 I can't come out. I haven't done my homework *already* / yet.
7 Mark has worked in Turkey *ago* / since 2008.

3 Complete each sentence with a time word from the box.

already	ever	for	just	never	since	yet
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- 1 Sue has been on the beach*for*..... an hour, but she hasn't had a swim yet.
2 I don't want to see this film. I've seen it.
3 Have you been to the Greek islands?
4 Can you wait a moment? I haven't finished
5 Ouch! An insect has bitten me!
6 George has eaten Chinese food, so this is the first time for him!
7 Rick has lived in Japan 2008.