



SIMPLE or PERFECT?

WATCH NOW



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PRESENT PERFECT

SO FAR (So far this year / so far today / so far this week)

- We've walked 2 miles **so far**.... 3 more to go!
- I've had 3 cups of tea **so far today**.

EVER (positive sentences)

- I wonder if he **has ever been** to England.
- **Have you ever ridden** a motorbike?

RECENTLY

- I've been working late **recently**.
- He's been making a lot of mistakes at work **recently**.

LATELY

- **Have you done** anything interesting **lately**?
- **You've been** in a good mood **lately**!

OF LATE

- He's been struggling with his studies **of late**.
- He's made great progress **of late**.

JUST (have + just + verb)

- Are you asking me again?? I've **just told** you!
- I don't want to go to the bank. I've **just been** there.

ALREADY (have + already + verb)

- Do you want lunch? No thanks, I've **already eaten**.
- You want to watch Frozen again? **You've already seen** it 10 times!

YET

- Why don't we watch Frozen 2. I **haven't seen** it **yet**.
- They're married but **they haven't bought** a house **yet**.

SINCE

- I **haven't seen** you **since** before the pandemic.
- **We've been living** here **since** 2008.



PRESENT PERFECT (continued)

How long...?

- **How long** **have you lived** in your house?
- **How long** **have you known** Andy?

Over the past few days / weeks / months / years

- **Over the past few days** **they have visited** England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland
- **Over the past few years** **they've moved** country, bought a house and had two kids.

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PAST SIMPLE

AGO (10 minutes ago, 10,000 years ago)

- I don't want a cup of tea, thanks. **I had one** 10 minutes **ago**.
- 10,000 years **ago** **there were** more mammoths than computers.

YESTERDAY, THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, THE DAY BEFORE THAT

- What a week! **I went** to the gym **yesterday**.
- **I ran** 10k **the day before yesterday**.

WHEN

- **I lived** in Yorkshire **when** I was a kid.
- **When** I was 18 **I went** to university in Canterbury.

THE FIRST TIME I...

- **The first time** **I** saw you, **you were** a little baby.

THE LAST TIME I...

- **You didn't have** that tattoo **the last time** **I** saw you.

LAST (last year, last January, last week)

- **Last** week **I bumped** into Edward at the supermarket.
- **I visited** England **last** January.

THEN

- **I took** the chicken out of the fridge. **Then** **I looked** at it. **Then** **I smelled** it.
And **then** **I decided** I should put it in the bin.



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TEST!

1. How long _____ glasses?
 - a. did you wear
 - b. have you weared
 - c. have you worn

2. When I went on holiday to France, _____ the time of my life.
 - a. I had
 - b. I have had
 - c. I have been having

3. I don't think he _____ known true love.
 - a. ever
 - b. has ever
 - c. will ever

4. I quit my job to become an entrepreneur _____.
 - a. since 3 years
 - b. 3 years ago
 - c. it's 3 years

5. I've had tons of amazing experiences _____ to New York.
 - a. since I moved
 - b. since I have moved
 - c. since moved

6. The hotel looked beautiful on the website. _____ the horrible reviews.
 - a. Then I have seen
 - b. Then I have saw
 - c. Then I saw

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ANSWERS

1.C 2.A 3.B 4.B 5.A 6.C