



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