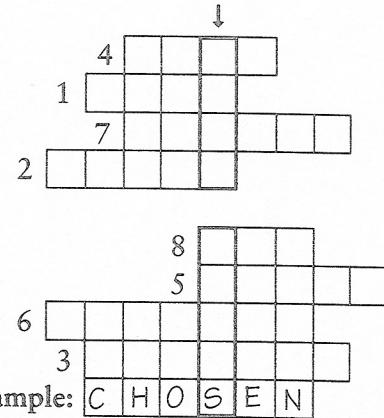


# Present perfect

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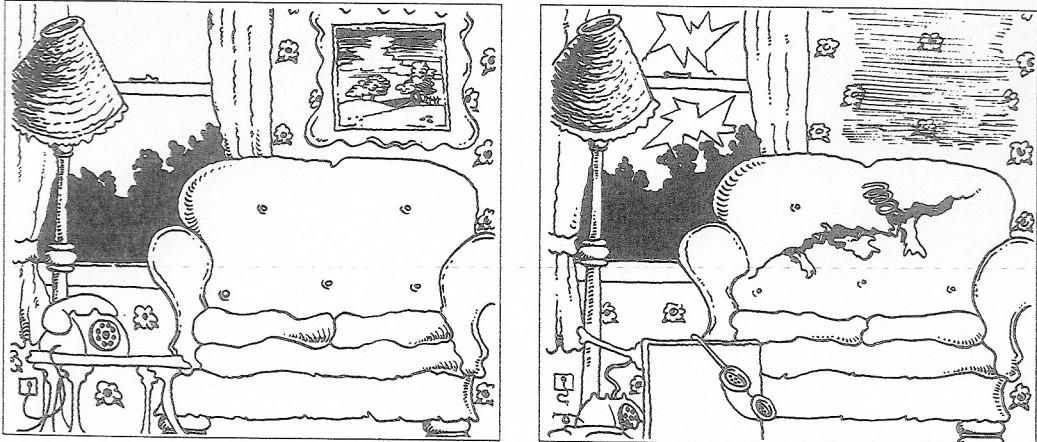
A Find out the name of the 'Man of the Year' by completing the sentences and putting the missing words in the puzzle.

'Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome \*\*\*\* \* who we have ... as our Man of the Year. He has 1 ... many interesting things in his life. He is a person who has always 2 ... a lot of time to his work. In his life he has 3 ... many popular books. He has, of course, also 4 ... several films and 5 ... in many plays. During his life he has 6 ... many countries in the world, and has 7 ... seven different languages. We are very happy that he has 8 ... our prize tonight and we wish him many more successes in the future.



B Look at the pictures and then answer the questions using the words in the box.

tear disconnect steal break **knock over**



What have the burglars done?

Example: They've knocked over the table.

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

# Present perfect and past simple 1

## A Choose the correct sentence or phrase for the situation.

Example:

Susie: ... well what about yesterday?  
 a) Alex: Well, I haven't done anything special.  
 b) Alex: Well, I didn't do anything special.

Susie: That's a pity.

1 Teresa: Can you come to the pub?

a) Mary: No, I've just washed my hair.  
 b) Mary: No, I washed my hair.

Teresa: What a shame, maybe you can join us later.

2 Juan: Why couldn't you come to the pub last week?

a) Alice: I've washed my hair.  
 b) Alice: I washed my hair.

Juan: What a shame, maybe you can join us this week.

3 Matthew: I love travelling.

a) Francesca: Really? Have you ever been to Paris?  
 b) Francesca: Really? Did you ever go to Paris?

Matthew: Oh yes, several times.

4 Satoshi: I lived in the south of France for a year.

a) Bob: Really? Have you ever been to Paris?  
 b) Bob: Did you ever go to Paris?

Satoshi: Oh yes, several times.

5 Ivan: That's my fiancée.

a) Mika: Really? How long have you been engaged?  
 b) Mika: Really? How long were you engaged?

Ivan: Oh, quite a long time.

6 Corrie: That's my ex-fiancé.

a) Roger: Really? How long have you been engaged?  
 b) Roger: Really? How long were you engaged?

Corrie: Oh, quite a long time.

## B This is an excerpt from a tennis championship commentary. Complete the commentary using the verbs in brackets in the present simple, the present perfect or the past simple.

And now Donna Scarlatti plays (play) Barbara Schmidt. Donna, now nineteen, 1 start (start) playing when she 2 be (be) four. She first 3 train (train) with her father, but since his death five years ago, she 4 train (train) with the famous Mirenda Merlinghetti.

Donna 5 play (play) in some of the most important tennis tournaments of the last four years, but this 6 be (be) the first time she 7 play (play) at Wimbledon. Oh look! Someone 8 throw (throw) down a bunch of red roses to her from the crowd. She 9 be (be) a very popular player this year, even though most of the crowd 10 not see (not see) her play before. And now they are about to begin ...

**A** Match the beginning of each sentence, with its correct ending, *a* or *b*.

1 We got married	a) since 1986.
2 We've been married	b) in 1986.
3 Dinosaurs	a) lived in many parts of the world.
4 Many of today's diplomats	b) have lived in many parts of the world.
5 The arrival of Don Cortes	a) has had a dramatic effect on the modern world.
6 The invention of computers	b) had a dramatic effect on the old Aztec world.
7 This is the first time	a) we met.
8 That was the first time	b) we've met.

**B** Here are some notes on the use of the present perfect and the past simple.  
Write the numbers of the notes in the correct part of the notebook.

**Example:**

to talk about events in the lives of dead people or animals.

- 1 with *since* and a time reference to say when something, which is still happening, started.
- 2 to talk about an event which has a present result.
- 3 to talk about an event which happened at a specific time in the past.
- 4 to talk about an event which you introduce by saying, 'this is the first time ...'.

**PRESENT PERFECT =**

I've done

You often use the present perfect

**PAST SIMPLE =**

I did

You often use the past simple

Example \_\_\_\_\_

**C** Here are some statements about Britain. Correct any of the verbs in *italics* which are incorrect.

**Example:**

Queen Victoria *has lived* in Britain.

lived

- 1 Britain *was* a member of the EC since 1973.
- 2 Shakespeare *has written* many plays.
- 3 Queen Elizabeth II *has visited* the United States in 1991.
- 4 This is the first time since the ice age that Britain *was joined* to France.
- 5 Margaret Thatcher *has been* the first British woman prime minister.
- 6 The British currency *has been decimalised* in 1971.

# Present perfect and past simple 3

A Hans is visiting Britain. He has written the letter below to one of his friends. There are six mistakes in Hans' letter. Correct Hans' mistakes. The first one has been done for you.

Liverpool, Sunday

Dear Henry,

Well, I ~~have~~ arrived here in Liverpool last week. So, I've been here since about nine days now. I've already seen a lot of things, but unfortunately, I haven't gone to London yet. Last night, I've seen a very interesting film. It's been about life in Scotland. I enjoyed it very much. As you can see, my English has already improved. I've learnt so much in a short time. I'm writing to you tonight as I can't go out because I'm waiting for a phone call which didn't come yet. Well, it seems a long time since I saw you, I hope you haven't missed me too much!

With very best wishes,

Hans

B A week later Hans writes a second card to the same friend. Complete his card using the verbs in the box; some verbs are used more than once.

make have give meet get not speak fall be ask happen

Dear Henry,

I hope you got my first card last week. A lot 1    since I wrote to you, so much that, in fact, this is the first free moment I 2    to write to you. I 3    an accident about a week ago while playing football. As a result I 4    in hospital since then! I'm enjoying myself here because I 5    a lot of new friends and I 6    a word of German since I came here which, of course, is great for my English. On my first day here I 7    a nurse called Gloria and I 8    in love with her almost immediately. I 9    her to marry me, and she's going to give me her answer tomorrow. As you can see, the last few days 10    very exciting for me. I'll write to you again after Gloria 11    me her answer.

With all good wishes,

Hans

**A** Use the time expressions on the right to make fourteen sentences. The first one has been done for you.

I haven't been to Brighton ...	1 today 2 for a while 3 this winter 4 for a week 5 yesterday 6 three days ago 7 recently 8 since Tuesday 9 up to now
I didn't go to Dublin ...	

**B** Choose the sentence, *a* or *b*, which matches the picture.



a) How long did you live here?  
b) How long have you lived here?



a) Where have they been?  
b) Where did they go?



a) I've broken my leg just there.  
b) I broke my leg just there.



a) Hurry up the taxi arrived!  
b) Hurry up the taxi has arrived!

**C** Match each statement with the person who you think said it.

**Example:**

The government has introduced a new tax.  
The government introduced a new tax.

a) historian  
b) news reporter

1 I've been married for six years.	a) divorcee
2 I was married for six years.	b) husband
3 I flew planes every day for thirty years.	a) retired airline pilot
4 I've flown planes every day for thirty years.	b) airline pilot
5 How long did you know Josh?	a) guest at wedding
6 How long have you known Josh?	b) guest at funeral
7 My mother told me not to see him again.	a) eighty-year-old
8 My mother has told me not to see him again.	b) eighteen-year-old

# Present perfect and past simple 5

Here are two conversations, but they are mixed up. Separate them and put them in order.



Conversation 1

Conversation 2

Pedro visited Britain last year. He is at home in Spain talking to Sally about his holiday.	Jaime is on holiday in Britain. He is talking to Lisa about his holiday up to now.
Sally: Have you ever been to Britain, Pedro?	Lisa: How long have you been in Britain, Jaime?
Pedro: Yes, I was there last year.	Jaime: Oh, for about three months now.
Sally: <u>1</u> _____	Lisa: <u>2</u> _____
Pedro: <u>3</u> _____	Jaime: <u>4</u> _____
Sally: <u>5</u> _____	Lisa: <u>6</u> _____
Pedro: <u>7</u> _____	Jaime: <u>8</u> _____
Sally: <u>9</u> _____	Lisa: <u>10</u> _____
Pedro: <u>11</u> _____	Jaime: <u>12</u> _____
Sally: <u>13</u> _____	Lisa: <u>14</u> _____
Pedro: <u>15</u> _____	

- a) Well, I started in London, and then I went to the South coast.
- b) Sounds as if you really enjoyed your stay. Are you thinking of going back?
- c) Only another three days, I'm afraid.
- d) How long did you stay?
- e) Did you get to many places in that time?
- f) Perhaps one day; I had a wonderful time.
- g) I was there for three months.
- h) Did you like the coast?
- i) Did you like the coast?
- j) How much longer are you staying?
- k) Perhaps one day; I've had a wonderful time.
- l) Sounds as if you've really enjoyed your stay. Are you thinking of coming back?
- m) Yes, the coastal scenery has been one of the highlights of my visit.
- n) Yes, I thought the scenery was great.
- o) Well, I started in London, and then more recently I've been to the South coast.
- p) So where have you been in this time?

# Present perfect simple and continuous 1

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A Make two sentences about each picture using the verbs in the box.

(run) fish make paint cook re-paint (win) catch

Example:



He's been  
running.

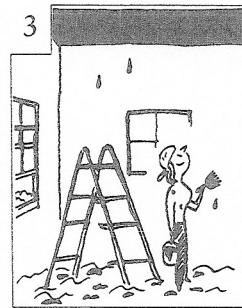
He's won the  
marathon.



She \_\_\_\_\_  
She \_\_\_\_\_

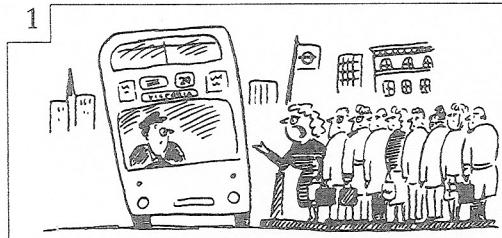


He \_\_\_\_\_  
He \_\_\_\_\_



She \_\_\_\_\_  
She \_\_\_\_\_

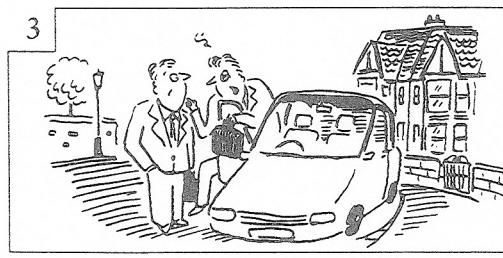
B Decide what the people are saying. Use the verb in brackets each time.



Do you know I've been waiting \_\_\_\_\_  
(wait) for an hour!



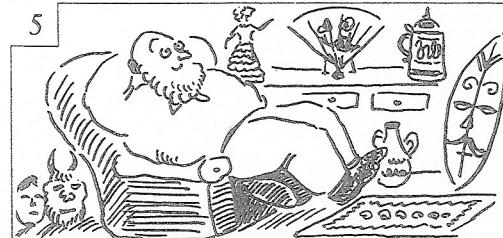
Hurray! \_\_\_\_\_  
(finish) this report at last!



Wow! \_\_\_\_\_  
(drive) 450 kilometres today!



I \_\_\_\_\_ (study)  
all night long!



He \_\_\_\_\_  
(travel) a lot in life.



He \_\_\_\_\_  
(travel), but now he's on the way home.

## A Match the beginning of each sentence with its correct ending, a or b.

## Example:

I've lived in Birmingham

a) so that's why you haven't seen me recently.

I've been living in Birmingham

b) and London as well.

1 I've driven	a) most sorts of cars.
2 I've been driving	b) most of my life.
3 He's stood there	a) many times before.
4 He's been standing there	b) all afternoon.
5 I've read the paper	a) and there's an interesting article on pollution.
6 I've been reading the paper	b) so I think I'll take a walk now.
7 She's typed the report	a) so I can give it to you now.
8 She's been typing the report	b) so it should be finished by Monday.
9 I haven't slept well	a) so I really must see the doctor.
10 I haven't been sleeping well	b) so I'll take a rest this afternoon.
11 I've dug the garden	a) so I'm covered in mud.
12 I've been digging the garden	b) and planted all the lettuces.

## B Write four sentences using a phrase from both boxes each time.

I've been reading I've read	this book all day.
	about half this book today.
	this book, but I haven't finished it yet.
	this book, but I don't remember exactly when.

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_

## C Write present perfect simple or present perfect continuous in the correct sentences.

## Example:

When you use the present perfect simple, the action is often complete.

- When you use the \_\_\_\_\_, the action often continues.
- You can use the \_\_\_\_\_ if the action happened at any time.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ always refers to an action just before now.
- You use the \_\_\_\_\_ when you are most interested in how long something took to do.
- You use the \_\_\_\_\_ when you are most interested in the result of the action.



#### 47 Present perfect

A

1 done	4 made	7 learnt
2 given	5 acted	8 won
3 written	6 visited	

The hidden name is *Dean Watts*.

B

- 1 They've torn the sofa.
- 2 They've broken the window.
- 3 They've disconnected the phone/telephone.
- 4 They've stolen the picture.

#### 48 Present perfect and past simple 1

A

1a	2b	3a	4b	5a	6b
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B

1 started	6 is
2 was	7 has played
3 trained	8 has thrown
4 has trained/has been training	9 is
5 has played	10 have not seen

#### 49 Present perfect and past simple 2

A

1b	2a	3a	4b	5b	6a	7b	8a
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B

Present perfect: 1, 2, 4 Past simple: 3

C

1 has been	4 has joined/been
2 wrote	5 was
3 visited	6 was decimalised

#### 50 Present perfect and past simple 3

A

- 1 I've been here for about nine days now.
- 2 I haven't been to London yet.
- 3 I saw a very interesting film.
- 4 It was about life in Scotland.
- 5 I'm waiting for a phone call which hasn't come yet.

All other sentences are correct.

B

1 has happened	7 met
2 have had	8 fell
3 had	9 (have) asked
4 have been	10 have been
5 have made	11 has given
6 haven't spoken	

#### 51 Present perfect and past simple 4

A

I haven't been to Brighton ...

- 1 today.
- 2 for a while.
- 3 this winter.
- 4 for a week.
- 7 recently.
- 8 since Tuesday.
- 9 up to now.

I didn't go to Dublin ...

- 1 today.
- 2 for a while.
- 3 this winter.
- 4 for a week.
- 5 yesterday.
- 6 three days ago.
- 7 recently.

B

1b 2a 3b 4b

C

1b 2a 3a 4b 5b 6a 7a 8b

C / 1. P.P. Count.  
2. P.P. Simple  
3. P.P. Count.  
4. P.P. Simple  
5. P.P. Simple

#### 52 Present perfect and past simple 5

Conversation 1: 1g 2e 3a 4h/i 5n 6b 7f

Conversation 2: 8c 9p 10o 11h/i 12m 13l 14k

#### 53 Present perfect simple and continuous 1

A

- 1 ...'s been fishing.
- 2 ...'s caught a crab.
- 3 ...'s been cooking.
- 4 ...'s made a cake.
- 3 ...'s been painting.
- ...'s re-painted the ceiling.

B

- 1 ... I've been waiting ...
- 2 ... I've finished ...
- 3 ... I've driven ...
- 4 ...'ve been studying
- 5 ...'s travelled ...
- 6 ...'s been travelling

#### 54 Present perfect simple and continuous 2

A

1a 2b 3a 4b 5b 6a 7a 8b 9b 10a 11b 12a

B

- 1 I've been reading this book all day.
- 2 I've been reading this book, but I haven't finished it yet.

3. I've read about half this book today

4. I've read this book, but I don't remember exactly when.