



Present Perfect vs Past Simple — A2 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- I ____ that film last night.
A) have seen B) saw C) have saw D) seen
- I ____ that film — it's excellent.
A) have seen B) saw C) seen D) did see
- She ____ to Japan three times.
A) went B) has been C) was D) has gone
- She ____ to Japan in 2019.
A) has been B) went C) has gone D) goes
- ____ you ever eaten Georgian food?
A) Did B) Have C) Do D) Were
- When ____ you buy that jacket?
A) have B) did C) do D) are
- We ____ here since March.
A) live B) lived C) have lived D) were living
- We ____ here for two years and then moved.
A) have lived B) lived C) live D) were living
- He ____ his keys — that's why we can't get in.
A) lost B) has lost C) loses D) was losing
- He ____ his keys on the bus yesterday.
A) has lost B) lost C) loses D) has been losing

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

- I _____ my phone yesterday and had to buy a new one.
- I've _____ my phone, so I can't call you back.
- She _____ to Italy twice this year.

4. She _____ to Italy last April for a wedding.
5. _____ you ever ridden a motorbike?
6. When _____ they get married?
7. We _____ known each other since university.
8. He _____ in Ankara for six years before moving to Izmir.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. never / been / have / I / to / Australia.

State a complete absence of experience.

2. in / to / went / 2016. / Australia / We

Date a trip with a specific year.

3. this / before? / you / article / Have / read

Ask about experience with no fixed time.

4. article / last / the / read / She / night.

Report reading inside a finished period.

5. his / lost / has / again. / wallet / He

Report a loss with a present consequence.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **B) saw** — Last night is a finished time, so the past simple is required.
2. **A) have seen** — No finished time is named, and the point is the present experience.
3. **B) has been** — Counting experiences up to now takes the present perfect.
4. **B) went** — A named year closes the period, so the past simple is used.
5. **B) Have** — Ever asks about experience at any time, which needs the present perfect.
6. **B) did** — A when question asks about a specific finished moment.
7. **C) have lived** — Since introduces a period continuing to now.
8. **B) lived** — The situation is over, so the past simple is correct.
9. **B) has lost** — The present result matters, so the present perfect is used.
10. **B) lost** — Yesterday closes the period and forces the past simple.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **broke** — Yesterday closes the period, so the past simple is used.
2. **broken** — The present consequence is what matters, so the participle follows have.
3. **has been** — This year is unfinished, so the count continues to now.
4. **went** — A named month in the past requires the past simple.
5. **Have** — Ever asks about experience at any point up to now.
6. **did** — A when question asks about a specific finished moment.
7. **have** — Since introduces a period that continues into the present.
8. **lived** — The period is closed by the second clause, so the past simple is used.

C. Sentence building

1. **I have never been to Australia.**
2. **We went to Australia in 2016.**
3. **Have you read this article before?**
4. **She read the article last night.**
5. **He has lost his wallet again.**