



PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE

Exercise 1:

Match the statements.(A to J) with (1 to 10)

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| A. Oh, no I've broken the window. | 1. John is not here. |
| B. I've already written twenty cards. | 2. I'm not at the office. |
| C. Did you go to Wales while you were in Britain? | 3. John is here. |
| D. I worked here last summer. | 4. I'm asking about your experience. |
| E. John has gone out. | 5. Look! The window is broken. |
| F. I worked on different reports at work today. | 6. I still work here. |
| G. I've worked here since 1992. | 7. I'm still at the office. |
| H. I broke a window, but I didn't mean to. | 8. I broke it last weekend. |
| I. Have you ever been to Wales? | 9. I'm asking about your last holiday. |
| J. John's been out. | 10. Now I work somewhere else. |

Exercise 2:

Choose the best answer.

1. Gareth's **never seen / never saw** this film but I'm not sure he'll enjoy it.
2. We haven't been on holiday **for / since** ages.
3. Sandra has **been / gone** to Scotland. She'll be back next week.
4. Wow! **Did you already do / Have you already done** the housework?
5. They **didn't get / haven't got** married in the end.
6. My dog **dug / has dug** a hole in the middle of my garden last night.
7. Look! The plane **has just landed / just landed**.
8. Ever since I was a child **I wanted / I've wanted** to go to England.
9. He **didn't decide / hasn't decided** what to do yet.
10. John Newton **has bought / bought** a small house in France in 1989.





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Exercise 3:

Which description from the box (1 – 4) fits each sentence (a – j). Tick the right number.

1. A recent action in the past with an effect in the present.
2. A finished action in the past.
3. An action which started in the past and is still going on now.
4. A past action at an indefinite time in the past.

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| A. I've never been to Cambridge. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| B. Abigail has had that car for years. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| C. We took the cat to the vet on Monday. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| D. I've finished my homework at last. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| E. Sarah has just finished painting the bedroom. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| F. We had champagne and caviar last night. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| G. They've known each other since they were at school. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| H. Pete's been to Bristol several times. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| I. Didn't you meet Brian last month? | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |
| J. My sister has just had a baby. | ① | ② | ③ | ④ |

Exercise 4:

Find and correct the mistakes in each sentence.

1. Did you ever eat oysters? _____
2. Nobody has seen the teacher since three weeks. _____
3. Have you called John yesterday? _____
4. Did you do your homework yet? _____

