

# PET MINI LESSON

LET' S LEARN ABOUT:  
PRESENT PERFECT /  
PAST SIMPLE



## USED TO

We use the present perfect to talk about a past experience without saying when it happened.

*I've been to the top of the Eiffel Tower.*

To say when something happened, use the past simple.

*I went to the top of the Eiffel Tower last summer.*

We use the present perfect to talk about the continuing effect of a past event or action on the present.

*There has been an accident on the motorway. Now there are long queues of traffic into the city centre.*

We use the present perfect to talk about the time period up to the present.

*I've been to town this morning. (It is still the morning.)*

*My brother has written a short story. (He may write more stories.)*

If the time period is now over, we use the past simple.

*I went into town this morning. (It is now afternoon or evening.)*

*Prince wrote over 150 songs. (He died in 2016, so can't write any more.)*

## ACTIVITIES!

1. I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (FINISH) MY HOMEWORK AN HOUR AGO. (PAST SIMPLE)
2. SHE (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (NEVER, BE) TO FRANCE BEFORE. (PRESENT PERFECT)
3. WE (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (WATCH) THE LATEST MOVIE LAST NIGHT. (PAST SIMPLE)
4. HE (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (JUST, EAT) DINNER, SO HE'S NOT HUNGRY. (PRESENT PERFECT)
5. THEY (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (VISIT) THE MUSEUM DURING THEIR TRIP LAST SUMMER. (PAST SIMPLE)
6. MY BROTHER (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT, DECIDE) ON HIS UNIVERSITY COURSE YET. (PRESENT PERFECT)
7. IT (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (START) RAINING WHEN I LEFT THE HOUSE THIS MORNING. (PAST SIMPLE)
8. I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (LOSE) MY KEYS, AND I CAN'T FIND THEM ANYWHERE. (PRESENT PERFECT)
9. SHE (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (GET) HER DRIVER'S LICENSE TWO YEARS AGO. (PAST SIMPLE)
10. THEY (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (ALREADY, SEE) THAT FILM, SO THEY DON'T WANT TO WATCH IT AGAIN. (PRESENT PERFECT)

## ANSWERS

1. I (1) FINISHED (FINISH) MY HOMEWORK AN HOUR AGO. (PAST SIMPLE)
2. SHE (2) HAS NEVER BEEN (NEVER, BE) TO FRANCE BEFORE. (PRESENT PERFECT)
3. WE (3) WATCHED (WATCH) THE LATEST MOVIE LAST NIGHT. (PAST SIMPLE)
4. HE (4) HAS JUST EATEN (JUST, EAT) DINNER, SO HE'S NOT HUNGRY. (PRESENT PERFECT)
5. THEY (5) VISITED (VISIT) THE MUSEUM DURING THEIR TRIP LAST SUMMER. (PAST SIMPLE)
6. MY BROTHER (6) HAS NOT DECIDED (NOT, DECIDE) ON HIS UNIVERSITY COURSE YET. (PRESENT PERFECT)
7. IT (7) STARTED (START) RAINING WHEN I LEFT THE HOUSE THIS MORNING. (PAST SIMPLE)
8. I (8) HAVE LOST (LOSE) MY KEYS, AND I CAN'T FIND THEM ANYWHERE. (PRESENT PERFECT)
9. SHE (9) GOT (GET) HER DRIVER'S LICENSE TWO YEARS AGO. (PAST SIMPLE)
10. THEY (10) HAVE ALREADY SEEN (ALREADY, SEE) THAT FILM, SO THEY DON'T WANT TO WATCH IT AGAIN. (PRESENT PERFECT)