Present Perfect & Past Simple

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THE RULE

Past Simple — a finished action at a finished past time.
I visited Rome in 2019. Signals: yesterday · ago · last week · in 2019 · when.

Present Perfect (have / has + past participle) — a past action connected to now: experience, unfinished unfinished time, or a result now.
I have visited Rome. (experience) · I've lived here for 5 years. (still now) · I've just eaten. (result now)
Signals: ever · never · just · already · yet · for · since · this week.

Note: been to = visited and came back · gone to = went and is still there.

1 Complete with the Past Simple.

1 I _____ (see) that film last night.

2 They _____ (go) to Paris in 2020.

3 She _____ (not come) to the party yesterday.

4 _____ you _____ (enjoy) the concert on Friday?

5 We _____ (buy) a new car two weeks ago.

6 He _____ (study) French at school.

2 Complete with the Present Perfect.

1 I _____ (never / be) to Japan.

2 She _____ (just / finish) her homework.

3 _____ you ever _____ (eat) sushi?

4 We _____ (live) here since 2015.

5 He _____ (not call) me yet.

6 They _____ (know) each other for ten years.

3 Choose Past Simple or Present Perfect.

1 I (saw / have seen) her yesterday.

2 (Did you ever eat / Have you ever eaten) frogs' legs?

3 She (lived / has lived) in Madrid for five years and still lives there.

4 We (went / have gone) to the beach last summer.

5 (Did you finish / Have you finished) the report yet?

6 He (started / has started) working here in 2018.

4 Complete with 'for' or 'since'.

1 I've known him _____ 2010.

2 We've been married _____ twenty years.

3 She's lived here _____ she was a child.

4 They've worked together _____ a long time.

5 I haven't seen you _____ last Christmas.

6 He's had that car _____ three years.

5 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 *I have seen her yesterday.*

2 *She has lived here since five years.*

3 *Did you ever been to London?*

4 *He has gone to Paris last year.*

5 *We didn't finished the project yet.*

Soluciones

Answer key.

1 · Past Simple

1 saw 2 went 3 didn't come 4 Did … enjoy 5 bought 6 studied

2 · Present Perfect

1 have never been 2 has just finished 3 Have … eaten
4 have lived 5 hasn't called 6 have known

3 · Past Simple or Present Perfect?

1 saw 2 Have you ever eaten 3 has lived 4 went 5 Have you finished 6 started

4 · for or since

1 since 2 for 3 since 4 for 5 since 6 for

5 · Error correction

1 I saw her yesterday. 2 She has lived here for five years. 3 Have you ever been to London?
4 He went to Paris last year. 5 We haven't finished the project yet.