

Past Simple vs. Present Perfect

1. Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets in past simple or present perfect.

1. She loves Paris. She (be) there many times.
2. Bill (work) in that company for 3 years. (He still works there).
3. They (go) to London on holiday last summer.
4. I (read) that book. It's good.
5. His parents (be) here yesterday.
6. They (go) to Germany when he (be) only 4.
7. you (watch) any film last night?
8. I (have) a couple of toasts for breakfast this morning.
9. He (live) in Rome since he was a teenager.
10. The house looks different. you (paint) it?
11. I (not see) you in class last Friday.
12. Shakespeare (write) over one hundred sonnets.

2. Say if the following sentences are right or wrong. Correct them if necessary.

1. Have you ever been to Thailand?
2. I've had sausages for lunch at half past one.
3. She's enjoyed herself at the party last night.
4. I've read that book but I didn't like it much.
5. Tom has left school one year ago.
6. My cousins have lived in Dublin since they've been children.
7. We have worked here for a year and a half.
8. My parents lived in Britain for a couple of years.
9. James has made a cake yesterday.
10. I've washed the car. It looks great now.

3. Complete the sentences with a verb from the box in present perfect or past simple.

be	finish	stop	watch
not smoke	enjoy	win	live

1. She smoking two months ago.
2. She for two months.
3. you ever to Florence?
4. you that TV show last night?
5. They still live in that town. They there for ages.
6. A friend of mine the lottery three years ago.
7. When you your homework?
8. They themselves at the party last summer.

4. Write the past participle of these verbs.

1. write
2. wash
3. forget
4. break
5. make

Answers

Exercise 1:

1. She loves Paris. She has been there many times.
2. Bill has worked in that company for 3 years. (He still works there).
3. They went to London on holiday last summer.
4. I have read that book. It's good.
5. His parents were here yesterday.
6. They went to Germany when he was only 4.
7. Did you watch any film last night?
8. I had a couple of toasts for breakfast this morning.
9. He has lived in Rome since he was a teenager.
10. The house looks different. Have you painted it?
11. I didn't see you in class last Friday.
12. Shakespeare wrote over one hundred sonnets.

Exercise 2:

1. Right
2. Wrong. I had sausages for lunch at half past one.
3. Wrong. She enjoyed herself at the party last night.
4. Right
5. Wrong. Tom left school one year ago.
6. Wrong. My cousins have lived in Dublin since they were children.
7. Right.
8. Right.
9. Wrong. James made a cake yesterday.
10. Right.

Exercise 3:

1. She stopped smoking two months ago.
2. She hasn't smoked for two months.
3. Have you ever been to Florence?
4. Did you watch that TV show last night?
5. They still live in that town. They have lived there for ages.
6. A friend of mine won the lottery three years ago.
7. When did you finish your homework?
8. They enjoyed themselves at the party last summer.

Exercise 4:

1. Written
2. Washed
3. Forgotten
4. Broken
5. Made