

Past Simple vs Present Perfect



**Task 1: Fill in the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.
Be careful with questions!**

1. I _____ (visit) Italy in 2010 but I _____ (be) there since.
2. Sally _____ (move) to Warsaw when she started studying and she _____ (live) here for 10 years now.
3. A: _____ (you/see) Paul anywhere?
B: I think I _____ (see) him yesterday at the office but I _____ (see) him today yet.
4. The Robinsons _____ (have) two vacations this year.
5. How many poems _____ (Adam Mickiewicz/write)?
6. How many books _____ (Olga Tokarczuk/write)?
7. The town where I _____ (live) as a child _____ (change) immensely in the recent years.
8. A: _____ (you/hear) about Janet?
B: Yeah, Sarah _____ (tell) me yesterday that she _____ (quit).
9. Where are my glasses? I think I _____ (just/leave) on the table but they're not there. Maybe I _____ (leave) them somewhere in school this morning...
10. I'm terribly tired this morning. I _____ (sleep) well last night.
I _____ (already/drink) two cups of coffee but they _____ (help) yet.

Task 2: Correct the mistakes in the sentences. There are 6 mistakes overall.

1. Have you forgot to water the plants again? They've looked better when I was going away!
2. A: How did you two met? B: Oh, we've met on a hiking trip two years ago.
3. Brenda has always wanted to become a lawyer and now she just got accepted to Harvard!
4. Why haven't you told me that you have bought this book last week? Now we have two of them!
5. Mom! Look! I've already eaten all the cupcakes!



Task 3: John and Mary haven't seen each other for three years because Mary was working in Japan. Can you fill in the missing verbs using Past Simple or Present Perfect?

John: Mary, you look lovely! How 1) _____ (you/be) recently? When 2) _____ (come) back?

Mary: I 3) _____ (be) great! I 4) _____ (fly) to Warsaw a month ago but, you know, I 5) _____ (have to) visit all my relatives first! How are you?

J: I 6) _____ (be) better, my company 7) _____ (struggle) with the financial crisis a bit, but I hope we 8) _____ (overcome) the worst.

M: I'm sorry to hear that. I 9) _____ (hear) that you 10) _____ (need) to go to your father for help. It 11) _____ (be) easy as I remember your relationship, was it?

J: Oh, you know dad, he 12) _____ (complain), 13) _____ (tell) me in detail what he thinks about me and then 14) _____ (give) the money. Now, tell me, what 15) _____ (see)? What 16) _____ (eat)? I'm dying to hear all about it!

M: Oh, I 17) _____ (see) a lot of very weird places! When I 18) _____ (arrive), my coworkers 19) _____ (take) me to kitten-style karaoke bar! That same evening I 20) _____ (try) some seafood I 21) _____ (know) it existed!

J: How fantastic! What about maid café? 22) _____ (go) there?

M: Actually, I 23) _____ (be) in one like hundred times because it 24) _____ (be) very close to a language school I 25) _____ (go) to learn Japanese.

J: Lovely! 26) _____ (take) any photos?

M: I think I 27) _____ (take) hundreds when I 28) _____ (be) there! But I'll have to show you some other time because I 29) _____ (forget) to take my photo album with me.

J: What a pity!



ANSWER KEY

Past Simple vs Present Perfect: Task 1

1. visited / haven't been
2. moved / has lived
3. Have you seen / saw / haven't seen
4. have had
5. Did Adam Mickiewicz write
6. Has Olga Tokarczuk written
7. lived / has changed
8. Have you heard / told / has quit
9. have just left / left
10. didn't sleep / have already
11. drunk / haven't helped

Past Simple vs Present Perfect: Task 2

1. Have you **forgotten** to water the plants again? **They** looked better when I was going away!
2. A: How did you two **meet**? B: Oh, **we** met on a hiking trip two years ago.
3. Brenda has always wanted to become a lawyer and now she **has** just got accepted to Harvard!
4. Why haven't you told me that **you bought** this book last week? Now we have two of them!
5. Mom! Look! I've already eaten all the cupcakes!

Past Simple vs Present Perfect: Task 3

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| 1. Have you been | 13. told | 25. went |
| 2. did you come | 14. gave | 26. Did you take? |
| 3. have been | 15. have you seen | 27. took |
| 4. flew | 16. have you eaten | 28. was |
| 5. had to | 17. saw | 29. have forgotten |
| 6. have been | 18. arrived | |
| 7. struggled | 19. took | |
| 8. overcame | 20. tried | |
| 9. have heard | 21. didn't know | |
| 10. needed | 22. have you gone | |
| 11. wasn't | 23. have been | |
| 12. complained | 24. was | |

