

# Present Perfect and Simple Past



# Past and Present



As a class, decide which columns these sentences belong in.

Past	Present

I saw a film.

I watch a film.

I listen to music.

I listened to music.

I drove a car.

I drive a car.

I eat a meal.

I ate a meal.

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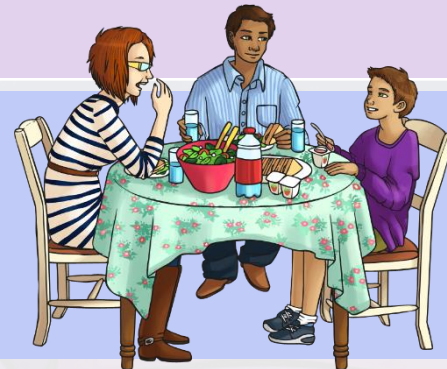
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I saw a film. I listened to music. I drove a car. I ate a meal. I <b>have eaten</b> a meal.	I watch a film. I listen to music. I drive a car. I eat a meal.

Where would you place this sentence?

**I have eaten a meal.**

What do you notice about it?



It is in the past. It is called the **Present Perfect** tense. Confusing!

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There are different types of tenses. Here are two of them.

Simple Past	Present Perfect
I saw a film. I listened to music. I drove a car. I ate a meal. I kept warm. I talked. I swam.	I <b>have</b> watch <b>ed</b> a film. I <b>have</b> listen <b>ed</b> to music. I <b>have</b> driv <b>en</b> a car. I <b>have</b> eat <b>en</b> a meal. She <b>has</b> walk <b>ed</b> . He <b>has</b> mak <b>ed</b> the coffee.

**Where would you place these?**

I kept warm.

He has made the coffee.

I talked.

I swam.

She has walked.





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The present perfect tense uses have + past participle (usually words ending in -ed or -en).

I walked. → I **have** walked.

Look at more examples below.

## Present Perfect

They **have** watch**ed** a film.

She **has** listen**ed** to music.

I **have** driv**en** a car.

We **have** eat**en** a meal.



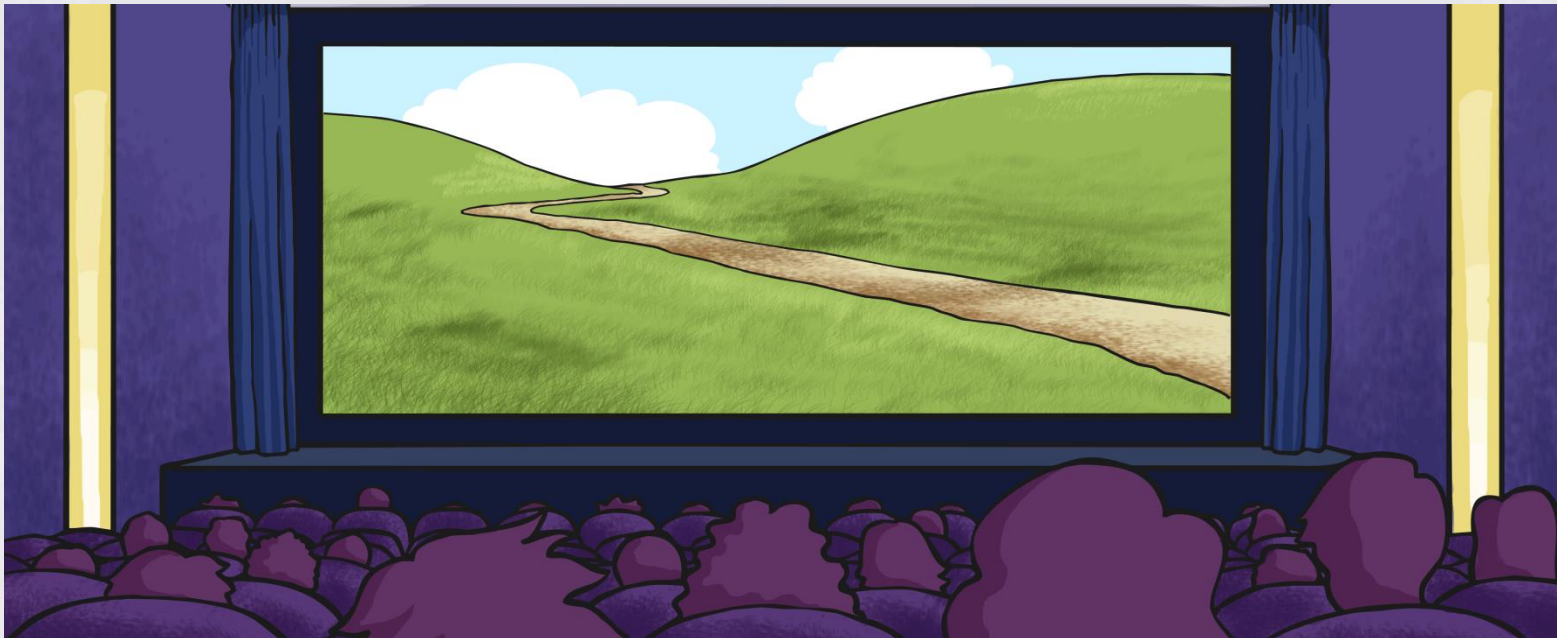
# Which Past?



Which of these sentences is in the simple past?  
**What is the difference between the two?**

I have seen a film.

I saw a film.



# Which Past?



- Simple past talks about something that started and finished in the past.
- Present perfect talks about something that started in the past but might be true now or affects something that happens today.

I have seen a film.

I saw a film.

Present perfect

Simple past





# Which Past?



Work on your whiteboard with a partner to select which tense is correct.  
Write 'a' or 'b' for each one.  
Click the boxes to reveal the correct answer.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. a) I went to school yesterday.                                       | b) I have been to school yesterday.                             |
| 2. a) When you have finished your homework, you can go on the computer. | b) When you finished your homework, you can go on the computer. |
| 3. a) I found my keys now.                                              | b) I have found my keys.                                        |
| 4. a) Next I ran past the window.                                       | b) Next I have run past the window.                             |



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Today complete the activity table then move on to completing a mini test to check your understanding of your tense work.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Perfect and Simple Past Mini Test**

1. Which sentence below has been written in the past tense? **Tick one.**

This is the oldest car in the street. ☐

The car's engine dates back to 1970. ☐

The wheels were changed in 2014. ☐

The mechanic wants to change the seats. ☐

2. Tick to show which sentence uses the **present perfect**. **Tick one.**

She went to the shops. ☐

She was going to the shops. ☐

She has gone to the shops. ☐

3. Rewrite the sentence below in the **simple past**. Remember to use full punctuation.

He was walked through the woods.

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4. Underline the verb form that is the **present perfect** in the passage below.

Annie enjoys climbing trees in her garden and has made a swing that dangles from one of the branches, with the help of her mum. She was crossing her fingers that there would be time to start making a real tree house, but the weekend disappeared. Annie was so pleased to have an adult to tie the knots.

5. Write a sentence in the present perfect below.

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