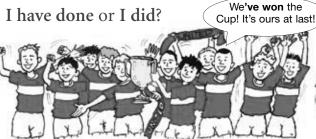


14 Present Perfect or Past Simple? (1)

1 I have done or I did?





The Present Perfect tells us about the past and the present. United have won the Cup, so it's theirs

The Past Simple tells us about the past, a time which is finished. Last year is in the past.

We use the Past Simple (not the Present Perfect) to talk about times in the past such as yesterday, last week, in 1994, a hundred years ago.

We watched United last week. NOT We have watched United last week. Long ago dinosaurs lived here. NOT Long ago dinosaurs have lived here.

Here are some more examples.

PRESENT PERFECT

Emma has packed her case.

(So her things are in the case now.)

Mike **has repaired** the chair.

(So it's all right now.)

The plane has just landed.

I've turned the heating on. (It's on now.)

I've dropped my calculator. (It's on the floor

now.)

PAST SIMPLE

Emma packed her case last night.

(Her things may be unpacked now.)

Mike **repaired** the chair.

(It may be broken again now.)

The plane landed ten minutes ago.

I turned the heating on earlier, but it's off again

I **dropped** my calculator, but it seems to be OK.

2 I've done it. I did it yesterday.

Trevor: We've bought a new car.

Tom: Oh, have you? What sort?

Laura: An Adagio. We bought it last week.

We often give a piece of news in the Present Perfect, e.g. We've bought a new car. (The car is ours now.) We use the Past Simple, e.g. We bought it last week, to give details or to ask for details about things such as when and where it happened.

Here are some more examples.

I've found my wallet. ~ Oh, good. Where did you find it?

Your parcel has arrived. The postman brought it at eight o'clock.

They've closed the factory. ~ Really? When did they do that?

3 Structures with for, since and last

PRESENT PERFECT

We can say that something hasn't happened for a long time or <u>since</u> a specific time in the past.

We haven't had a party for ages.

We haven't had a party since Christmas.

PAST SIMPLE

We can say that it is a long time <u>since</u> something happened or when was the last time it happened.

It's ages since we last had a party.

Christmas was the last time we had a party.

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Practice

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A I have done or I did? (1)

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	Put	in the co	orrect verb form.		
	▶ l've done (I / do) all the housework. The flat is really clean now.				
			couple bought (buy) the house next door. But they didn't live there	long.	
			ors (arrive). They're sitting in the garden.		
2		There's still a problem with the television. Someone (repair) it, but			
			roke down again.	· [· · · / · · · ·	
	3		(I / lose) my bank card. I can't find it anywhere.		
	4		ch		
	5		/ly sister (run) away from home. But she came back two days I		
	6	-	(earn) some money last week. But I'm afraid h	•	
	O			e s already	
	7	spent it		ر المائم ما	
			(we / plant) an apple tree in the garden. Unfortunately		
8		Prices (go) up. Everything is more expensive this year.			
	9		e (turn) on the hi-fi. What's that song called?		
•	10		(I / phone) the office at eleven to speak to the manag	er, but he isn't	
		there too			
•	11		(I / make) a cake. Would you like a piece?		
•	12	The runr	ner Amos Temila(break) the world record for t	the 1500 metres	
		in Frankt	furt. Then two days later in Helsinki, Lee Williams ran it in an even faster ti	me.	
3					
		ve done it. I did it yesterday. (2) ings that have happened today are on the radio and TV news.			
		re the news using the Present Perfect and Past Simple.			
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the Prime Minister / visit Luton University / speak to students there / earlier today			andian I I.		
		The Prime Minister has visited Luton University. He spoke to students there earlier today.			
	1	the train drivers / go on strike / stop work / at twelve o'clock			
	2	the Oueen / arrive in Tarente / fly there / in an DAE givereft			
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	3	two men / escape from Parkhurst Prison / get away / during the night			
	5				
	4	the actor Howard Bates / die in a car accident / his car / crash into a wall			
5		Linda Jones / win the women's marathon / run it / in 2 hours 27 minutes			
		Elina conce / Will the Welliero marather / Tarrit / III 2 hours 27 minates			
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		Complete the conversations.			
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		Mike:	This car is filthy. I haven't been to the car wash for about a year.		
		Tom:	What! You mean it's twelve months since you last went to the co		
	1	Laura:	I haven't used my camera recently. June was the last time I took a photo		
		Trevor:	Really? I'm surprised you	June.	
	2	Rachel:	I haven't seen Andrew for weeks.		
		Daniel:	Nor me. It's	him.	
	3	Tom:	What about a game of cards? We haven't played since your birthday.		
		David:	Really? You mean my birthday	cards?	
	4	Emma:	I feel terrible. It's three days since I ate anything.		
		Vicky:	What did you say? You	three days?	

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