

## Present perfect vs past simple

Focus: present perfect vs past simple: the experience (no time) vs the details (when, where)

### GRAMMAR: PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE?

The experience, no time: **I've been** to London. (present perfect)

The details, with a time: **I went** there last year with my sister. (past simple)

Past simple words: yesterday, last week, ago, in 2015, when I was 20. When **did** you go?

### 1 Choose the correct form.

Example: I \_\_\_\_\_ Rome in 2019. (visited / have visited) → visited

1. Sara has never \_\_\_\_\_ to Georgia. (went / been / was)
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ a boat trip last summer. (took / have taken / take)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you see the castle when you were in Prague? (Have / Has / Did)
4. When \_\_\_\_\_ you go to Warsaw? - Last spring. (have / did / do)
5. What \_\_\_\_\_ the festival like? - It was amazing. (was / has been / is)

### 2 Complete with the present perfect or the past simple.

Example: I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to Berlin. I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) there in 2020. → have been, went

1. Lena \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a lot of castles in her life. In 2023 she \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Rome.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / ever / eat) sushi? - Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) it in London in 2019.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (never / fly), but we \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a boat trip last May.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / meet) a celebrity, but Nina \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a singer last year.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ani / ever / win) a prize? - Yes, she \_\_\_\_\_ (win) a photo competition in 2021.

### 3 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

Example: I have visited Madrid last year. → I visited Madrid last year.

1. Have you ever drove a car abroad?

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2. She has won a prize two years ago.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. When have you visited Georgia?

\_\_\_\_\_

### ANSWER KEY

1 1 been, 2 took, 3 Did, 4 did, 5 was 2 1 has seen / visited, 2 Have you ever eaten / tried, 3 have never flown / took, 4 haven't met / met, 5 Has Ani ever won / won 3 1 Have you ever driven a car abroad? | 2 She won a prize two years ago. | 3 When did you visit Georgia?