

I have done (present perfect) and I did (past simple)

A With a *finished time* (yesterday / last week etc.), we use the past (arrived/saw/was etc.):

past simple + finished time

We arrived	yesterday. last week. at 3 o'clock. in 1991. six months ago.
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Do *not* use the present perfect (**have arrived / have done / have been** etc.) with a finished time:

- I **saw** Paula **yesterday**. (*not* 'I have seen')
- Where **were** you **on Sunday afternoon**? (*not* 'Where have you been')
- We **didn't have** a holiday **last year**. (*not* 'We haven't had')
- 'What **did** you **do last night**?' 'I **stayed** at home.'
- William Shakespeare **lived from 1564 to 1616**. He **was** a writer. He **wrote** many plays and poems.

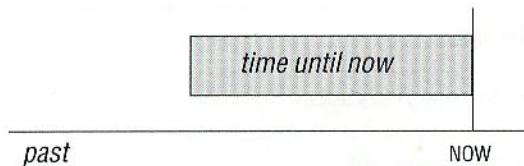
Use the past simple to ask **When ... ?** or **What time ... ?**:

- **When did** they **arrive**? (*not* 'When have they arrived?')

B Compare:

present perfect

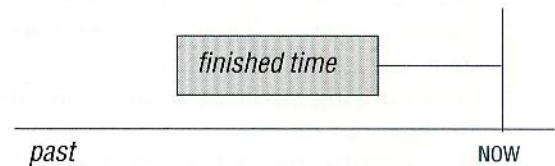
- I **have lost** my key.
(= I can't find it *now*)
- Bill **has gone** home.
(= he isn't here *now*)
- **Have you seen** Ann?
(= where is she *now*?)



- **Have you ever been** to Spain?
(= in your life, until *now*)
- My friend is a writer. He **has written** many books.
- The letter **hasn't arrived** yet.
- We've **lived** in Singapore for six years.
(= we live there *now*)

past simple

- I **lost** my key **last week**.
- Bill **went** home **ten minutes ago**.
- **Did you see** Ann **on Saturday**?



- **Did you go** to Spain **last year**?
- Shakespeare **wrote** many plays and poems.
- The letter **didn't arrive yesterday**.
- We **lived** in Glasgow for six years but now we live in Singapore.

EXERCISES

20.1 Use the words in brackets (...) to answer the questions.

- 1 Have you seen Ann?
- 2 Have you started your new job?
- 3 Have your friends arrived?
- 4 Has Sarah gone away?
- 5 Have you worn your new shoes?

(5 minutes ago)	Yes, I saw her 5 minutes ago.
(last week)	Yes, I last week.
(at 5 o'clock)	Yes, they
(on Friday)	Yes,
(yesterday)	Yes,

20.2 Right or wrong? Correct the verbs that are wrong. (The verbs are underlined.)

- 1 I've lost my key. I can't find it.
- 2 Have you seen Ann yesterday?
- 3 I've finished my work at 2 o'clock.
- 4 I'm ready now. I've finished my work.
- 5 What time have you finished your work?
- 6 Sue isn't here. She's gone out.
- 7 Jim's grandmother has died in 1989.
- 8 Where have you been last night?

RIGHT
WRONG: Did you see

20.3 Put the verb in the present perfect or past simple.

- 1 My friend is a writer. He has written (write) many books.
- 2 We didn't have (not/have) a holiday last year.
- 3 I (play) tennis yesterday afternoon.
- 4 What time (you/go) to bed last night?
- 5 (you/ever/meet) a famous person?
- 6 The weather (not/be) very good yesterday.
- 7 My hair is wet. I (just/wash) it.
- 8 I (wash) my hair before breakfast this morning.
- 9 Kathy travels a lot. She (visit) many countries.
- 10 'Is Sonia here?' 'No, she (not/come) yet.'

20.4 Put the verb in the present perfect or past simple.

<p>1 A: <u>Have you ever been</u> (you/ever/be) to Florida? B: Yes, we <u>went</u> (go) there on holiday two years ago. A: (you/have) a good time? B: Yes, it (be) great.</p>	<p>3 Rose works in a factory. She (work) there for six months. Before that she (be) a waitress in a restaurant. She (work) there for two years but she (not/enjoy) it very much.</p>
<p>2 A: Where's Alan? (you/see) him? B: Yes, he (go) out a few minutes ago. A: And Julia? B: I don't know. I (not/see) her.</p>	<p>4 A: Do you know Martin's sister? B: I (see) her a few times but I (never/speak) to her. (you/ever/speak) to her? A: Yes. I (meet) her at a party last week. She's very nice.</p>