



**B1 -
Then VS. now**

Understanding the past simple and present perfect simple

What life experiences is being depicted?



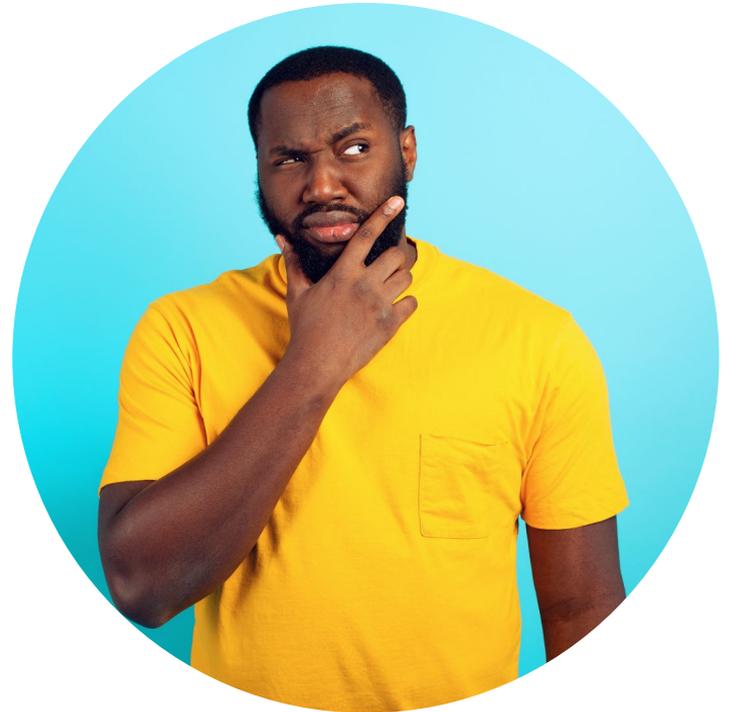
Let's discuss



1. What life experiences are highly valued or celebrated in your country's culture?
2. How are wedding celebrated in your country?
3. How do you celebrate your own birthday?
4. Do you celebrate big and small milestones in your life?

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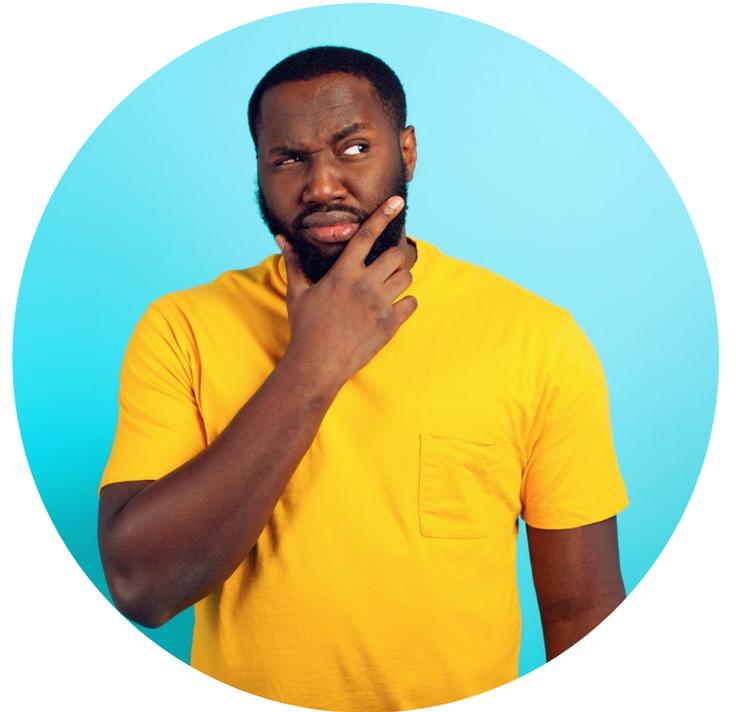
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Have you noticed that the above questions don't focus on **when**, just **whether** Something has happened.



Let's create a mind map of 'life experiences'

What comes to mind when you think about 'life experiences'?



Past simple VS. present perfect simple

Tense	Structure	Use	Example
Past simple	Subject + verb (past form)	Action finished at a specific time	I watched that movie last night.
Present perfect simple	Subject + have/has + past participle	Action that happened at an unspecified time , or still relevant.	I've watched that movie before.

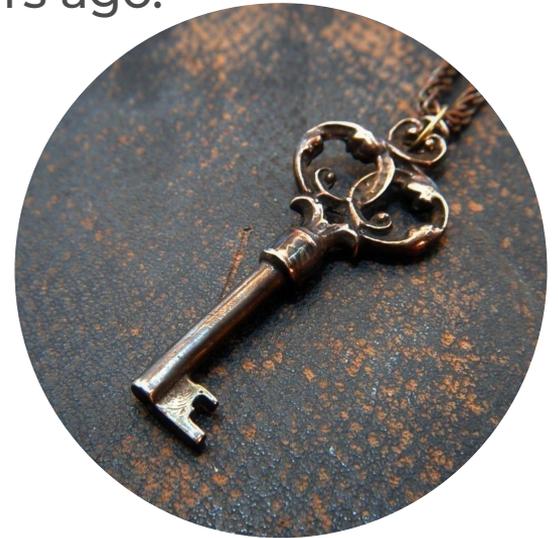
Time expressions:

Past simple: yesterday, last year, in 2010, two days ago

Present perfect simple: ever, never, already, yet, just, since, for, recently

Fill in the gaps by choosing the correct form of the verb

1. I _____ (lose) my keys. Can you help me find them?
2. She _____ (go) to the supermarket two hours ago.
3. We _____ (be) friends since primary school.
4. They _____ (arrive) last night.
5. He _____ (see) that movie before.



Correct the mistake in each sentence ...

Some sentences use the wrong tense or incorrect verb form.

1. I have seen him yesterday.
2. She has went to the store.
3. They lived here since 2015.
4. We didn't saw that movie last night.
5. He has broke his leg last year.
6. Have you ever ate sushi?
7. I didn't have breakfast yet.
8. She has just went to the post office.
9. They have visited Paris in 2019.
10. I was never been to Germany.

Ask and answer the questions using both tenses.

1. Have you ever visited another continent? When did you go?
2. What is something you've done this year?
3. What did you do last weekend?
4. Have you already eaten today? What did you eat?

Try to switch between past simple and present perfect simple in natural conversation.

Two friends catching up.

Sophie: Hey Mia! I haven't seen you in ages! What have you been up to?

Mia: Hi Sophie! I've just come back from Spain. I went there with my sister last week.

Sophie: That sounds amazing! Have you been there before?

Mia: No, it was my first time. We visited Madrid and Barcelona.

Sophie: Cool! I've always wanted to go. Did you enjoy it?

Mia: Absolutely! We tried so many local dishes and took lots of photos.



Choose between 'true' or 'false'

1. Sophie saw Mia last weekend.
2. Mia has been to Spain more than once.
3. Mia and her sister went to Madrid and Barcelona.
4. Sophie has never wanted to go to Spain.
5. Mia returned from her trip recently.



Review and wrap-up

1. What's the main difference between the two tense?
2. Give an example sentence for each tense.
3. When do we use 'have/has + past participle'?





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