

PRESENT PERFECT vs PAST SIMPLE

B1 | Complete the sentences with the correct verb form

1 Choose the correct tense

Use the present perfect or the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

Look for time clues such as yesterday, last week, since, for, already and yet.

2 Questions

1. I _____
Anna since last week.
(not see)
2. I _____
Anna at a party last week.
(see)
3. Have you ever _____
Italy?
(visit)
4. Yes, I _____
there in 2023.
(go)
5. We _____
dinner, so we are not hungry.
(just finish)
6. My grandparents _____
in this house for thirty years.
(live)
7. They _____
to this town in 2019.
(move)
8. I _____
my keys. Can you help me look for them?
(lose)
9. I _____
my key yesterday, but I found it later.
(lose)
10. Mia _____
home, so she is not here now.
(go)

11. Mia _____
to London last weekend.
(go)
12. We _____
Korean food before.
(never try)
13. We _____
Korean food for the first time last Friday.
(try)
14. How long have you _____
him?
(know)
15. When did you _____
him?
(meet)
16. I _____
the email already.
(send)
17. I _____
the email at 9 this morning.
(send)
18. The train _____
yet.
(not arrive)
19. The train _____
ten minutes late yesterday.
(arrive)
20. She _____
her glasses, so she cannot read now.
(break)

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B1 | Teacher answer key

1 Answers

Use the time expression and context to explain each answer.

Present perfect connects past and present; past simple gives a finished past time.

2 Answer key

1. I **haven't seen** Anna since last week.

2. I **saw** Anna at a party last week.

3. Have you ever **visited** Italy?

4. Yes, I **went** there in 2023.

5. We **have just finished** dinner, so we are not hungry.

6. My grandparents **have lived** in this house for thirty years.

7. They **moved** to this town in 2019.

8. I **have lost** my keys. Can you help me look for them?

9. I **lost** my key yesterday, but I found it later.

10. Mia **has gone** home, so she is not here now.

11. Mia **went** to London last weekend.

12. We **have never tried** Korean food before.

13. We **tried** Korean food for the first time last Friday.

14. How long have you **known** him?

15. When did you **meet** him?

16. I **have sent** the email already.

17. I **sent** the email at 9 this morning.

18. The train **hasn't arrived** yet.

19. The train **arrived** ten minutes late yesterday.

20. She **has broken** her glasses, so she cannot read now.