

GRAMMAR

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE / PAST SIMPLE / PAST PERFECT SIMPLE



A Look at the poster and answer the questions.

Have you applied for the study abroad programme yet?
Registration **started** last week and we **have received** hundreds of applications.
Hurry – there are only a few places left!

- Which of the verbs in bold refer to an action that took place at a specific time in the past? Which tense is used?
- Which of the verbs in bold refer to an action that took place at an unspecified time in the past?

B Read the text message and answer the questions.

Hi Sue,
Guess what? I **got** my acceptance letter from the study abroad programme that I **had applied** to last month.

- Which verb in bold refers to the action that happened first?
- Which tense is used for the later action?

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1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Perfect Simple.

- Does Katie like her new school?
I don't know. I ... (not hear) from her in weeks.
- Is she a new teacher at the school?
No, she ... (be) here for months.
- What do you want to study at university?
I'm not sure. I ... (not decide) yet.
- Why are the children upset?
They ... (just / receive) bad news. Their grandfather died last night.
- Do you want to watch this film?
OK. We ... (already / see) it, but we'll watch it again with you.

2 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the Past Perfect Simple.

tell | start | hear | leave | make

- By the time I arrived, the exam
- The inspectors were impressed by the progress the students
- He called me a week after I ... a message.
- ... they already ... the news when you saw them?
- We didn't know you were in hospital because nobody ... us.

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3 Choose the correct answer. Then listen and check your answers.

Nobody's Perfect

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Charlotte is an excellent student who ¹ **has never failed / didn't fail** an exam. However, yesterday during the history exam, she ² **has felt / felt** quite desperate. She ³ **arrived / had arrived** home late the night before, so she didn't finish revising all the material. During the exam, she ⁴ **didn't know / hadn't known** some of the answers, so she looked at the paper of the student next to her. Unfortunately for her, the teacher saw her and gave her a zero because she ⁵ **has cheated / had cheated**. Now she feels even worse. She ⁶ **had already discussed / has already discussed** what happened with her mum, but there's not much she can do.

4 Write the replies to the questions with the words given. Use the Present Perfect Simple, Past Perfect Simple or Past Simple.

- Why did the head teacher call Mike to the office?
She / find out / that he / skip class / twice / .
- Why didn't you do the history assignment?
I / not know / the teacher / give it to us / .
- Can you bring my tablet to school?
Sorry, I can't. I / already / leave for work / .
- Why were you late for school this morning?
Because / I / discover / my sister / take my lunch / .
I had to make another sandwich.



PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS / PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE



A Read the note and answer the questions.

*I've put my project on the shelf.
Please don't move it.
I've been working on it all day.*

Which action ... ?

- started in the past and is still going on in the present moment
- took place at an unspecified time in the past

B How do you express these tenses in your language?

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5 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Perfect Continuous, affirmative, negative or interrogative.

- We ... (wait) for the bus for half an hour!
- I'm going home early. I ... (feel) well all day.
- How long ... you ... (take) ballet lessons?
- Jesse ... (live) in the same flat for years. He loves it.
- Unfortunately, Robert ... (make) much progress in his work lately.
- Those students ... (talk) since the lesson began. The teacher is angry.

6 Choose the correct answer.

- Let's take a break. We **have studied** / **have been studying** for hours.
- I love this book. I **have read** / **have been reading** it three times!
- I **haven't spoken** / **haven't been speaking** to Sue for weeks.
- He **hasn't called** / **hasn't been calling** me yet.
- You aren't improving. You **haven't practised** / **haven't been practising** enough.
- I'm sorry I'm late. **Have you been waiting** / **Have you waited** a long time for me?

7 Complete the passage with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Perfect Continuous or Present Perfect Simple. Then listen and check your answers.

It's a VR World

Schools ¹ ... (always / take) their students on class trips to places like nature reserves or museums. However, for the past few years, students of all ages ² ... (visit) planets and famous international monuments without ever leaving their classrooms. How ³ ... such adventures ... (become) possible? Through virtual reality (VR), of course! Schools all over the world ⁴ ... (use) VR since it was first introduced, and students love it. VR companies such as Google ⁵ ... (promote) their products in schools for several years and ⁶ ... (convince) many schools to use them. However, because the system costs a lot of money, other schools ⁷ ... (not adopt) VR yet.



YOUR OUTLOOK CRITICAL THINKING

Why do you think a lot of students love learning through VR?

GRAMMAR IN USE

8 Tell your partner what you have been doing over the past few days. Talk about ...

- your extra-curricular activities
- your school assignments
- your free time

I've been watching this amazing series on Netflix.

