

Past Tense or Present Perfect 06e_sp_pp_01

1. I (buy) a new house last year, but I (not sell)
..... the old one yet, so at the moment I have two houses.
2. When Theresa (be) on her way to the station it (begin)
to rain. So Theresa (run) back to her flat for her umbrella and
(miss) the train. She (catch)
the next train but it (not arrive) before 9 o'clock and
so she (be) late in her office. Her boss (look up)
from his desk when Theresa (come) in and (say) ,
'You (be) late every morning this week. It's enough now!'
3. Nigel (leave) the house at 8.20 a.m. At 8.30 a.m. the
phone in Nigel's house (ring) Nigel's wife
Maggie (answer) it. - 'Could I speak to Nigel,
please?' (say) the caller. - 'I'm sorry he just (go
out) ' Maggie (say)
4. 'I (not see) Boris for some time.' - 'He (be)
..... ill, poor man. He (collapse) at
work two weeks ago and they (take) him to hospital.
But they (send) him home after two days but he
(not come back) yet.'
5. Boris and Nigel are friends. One evening Nigel's wife (say) ,
'..... Boris already (move) into his new house?'
6. '..... you (be) to Scotland, yet?' - 'Yes, I (go)
..... there last year.'
7. '..... you (find out) about the trains to Hull yet?' -
'Yes, I (ring) the Main Station this morning but
nobody (answer) the phone.'
8. Maggie to Theresa, 'Where you (be) ?' - 'I (go)
..... shopping in Liverpool this morning and (find)
a super shoe-shop and (buy) twenty pairs.'

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(Achte auf die Wortstellung bei Sätzen mit *just*, *already* etc.)

1. Susan (finish) her homework half an hour ago.
2. When he (come) home? He
(come) home at 6 o'clock.
3. Where you (meet) her?
4. you already (see) Mr Grey today?
5. Jack already (pass) his examination?
6. Tom just (switch on) the radio.
7. When I (be) a boy, we (live) in the country.
8. We already (finish) painting the house.
9. There are English people who never (be) outside England.
10. you (sleep) well last night?
11. We already (have) lunch.
12. Mr Smith just (leave) his office.
13. When I (be) in London I (go) to the theatre
every day.
14. Our neighbour's dog (run) across the street yesterday.
15. Linda (not finish) her homework yet.
16. Where you (buy) that coat?
17. you (wear) your hair long when you (be)
..... at school, dad?
18. The train (not arrive) yet.
19. Shakespeare (live) from 1564 to 1616.
20. What you (do) last night?
21. Up to now I never (hear) a dog speak.
22. I (be) to the cinema twice last week.
23. Grandpa (go) to the doctor's yesterday.
24. How long Susan (be) ill?
25. Last year Susan (be) ill for three months.
26. Mr Brown (break) his leg in January.
27. Some days ago my wife (have) an accident.
28. What time you (have) breakfast this morning?
29. At 8 o'clock; but I (not eat) anything yet.

Present Perfect or Past Tense? 06e_sp_pp_03

1. When we (be) in France last month we (buy) nice wine but we not (try) it yet.
2. 'Your trousers are wet.' 'Yes, because I just (wash) my car.'
3. Yesterday I (drive) to Liverpool and (hear) a funny noise in my car but I not (find) it yet.
4. They never (meet) my parents.
5. I (leave) my pullover in the hall last night but the caretaker already (find) it.
6. My father (give) me this book for my last birthday but I not (read) it yet.
7. I already (clean) the garage.
8. Last year we (meet) nice people in Spain but we (not visit) them yet.
9. The burglar (come) into the house, (look) through my things and then (leave) through the window.
10. Can you open the door please? I (forget) my key.
11. Oh, here you are. I (already call) your mother.
12. Yesterday I (find) my key under my bed and (put) it somewhere in my room but today I (already forget) the place.

Simple past or present perfect? 06e_sp_pp_04

1. Great! Theresa (just, to make) her third point.
2. Boris will let me take his bike. I (to know) him for years. Last year we (to go) together to France.
3. When the glass (to fall) off the cupboard, it (to hit) Peter's head.
4. - There is no more sugar. Who (to take) it all?
- I have, I (to want) to have some tea, when I (to come) home.
5. Theresa is the best! I (never, to see) a scorer like her.
6. When Theresa (to make) her third point, the supporters (to begin) to sing.
7. - How long (you, to be) in Liverpool?
- We (to arrive) here three days ago.
8. - Milly isn't here. Where (she, to go)?
- I don't know. An hour ago she (to phone) me from the station. She (to tell) she (to want) to go to Hull.

Present Perfect or Simple Past? 06e_sp_pp_05

1. - Do you know what (happen)?
Nigel (fall) from his seat in the classroom
and (break) the back of his chair.
- What the teacher (say)?
2. - you (be) to the new public baths yet?

Present Perfect or Simple Past? 06e_sp_pp_06

Theresa's Story

Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect or simple past of the verbs in brackets.

Theresa (be) a really good volleyball player. When she
..... (be) 15 years old, she (break) her ankle and
she (stop) playing volleyball. But Theresa
..... (never, be) sorry about her accident. It (give) her the
chance to learn something she really (like). Of course she
..... (be) happy when she (play)
volleyball, but she likes her job now, too. She
(become) an interpreter and (already work) on a lot of
interesting projects. She (already, travel)
a lot to other countries in Europe. Two years ago, she
(be) in Asia. She (meet) very interesting
people there and some of them (already,
visit) her in Liverpool. Of course, she
(always, be) interested in volleyball. She
(watch) all the matches of her former club.