



Complete the sentences with your own words:

1. I got up at _____ today. (time)
2. I have been awake since _____ .
(time)
3. I have come to this class _____ times
so far this month. (number)
4. I took my first English class in _____ .
(year)

Past Simple

- o We use past simple to talk about actions that begin and end in the past.
- o Example: I bought a new pair of shoes on Saturday.

Present Perfect

- o Present Perfect is used to talk about an action that began in the past and continues up to now.
- Affirmative: Subject + Have / Has + Past Participle
- Negative: Subject + Haven't / Hasn't + Past Participle
- Question: Have / Has + Subject + Past Participle

When do we use the Present Perfect Tense?

1. An action that occurred sometime in the past, but has a result in the present (now)

- We can't find our luggage. Have you seen it?

2. To talk about an action that began sometime in the past and have not changed up to now.

a. since + a specific point in time

b. for + a length of time

- Alice has worked at Emirates for 3 years.
- Bob has worked as a Flight officer since September of last year.

3. To talk about general experiences (ever/never) or events that have or haven't happened.

a. The exact time may be unstated.

b. ever, never, yet, still, already are often used with present perfect.

- Has she ever traveled alone before?
- Are Carlos and Rodrigo here? No, they haven't arrived yet.

4. To talk about an action that occurring over a period of time or multiple times in the past.

- We have had three tests so far this term.
- The value of the stock has doubled in the last year.

Past Simple vs. Present Perfect

1. The **past simple** may be used with **specific time references**: yesterday, last year, 2017. While **Past Perfect** will often use more **general time adverbs**: already, since, yet, etc.

2. The **past simple** is used for a **completed time period**. Use **present perfect** to talk about a time period that has not ended.

- My grandfather loved to travel. My grandfather loves to travel.

3. **Present perfect** is used for an indefinites versus a definite question.

- Have you ever visited Astana? Did you visit Astana?
(You said you went to Kazakhstan last year)