

Past Simple and Present Perfect (Simple and Continuous)

The **Past Simple** is used to talk about completed actions at a particular point in the past, often with dates or times and words like yesterday, last and ago

- Kurt went to Canada in 1991.
- I didn't see you yesterday. Where were you?

The **Present Perfect Simple** is used to talk about

- a) recent actions or events when no fixed time is given (e.g. news reports) often with words like just, recently and lately
 - I've just seen your mother in the street

- b) actions which have a result in the present:
 - What's wrong? Have you lost your keys?

- c) actions in a period of time which is not yet finished, and experiences in someone's life so far, often with yet, so far, ever, never, for and since

- I haven't had any letters this week. (Compare : I had five letters last week)

The **Present Perfect Continuous** is used to talk about actions which started in the past and are still happening, or which have recently stopped but have a result in the present:

- I've been waiting here for ten minutes.
- Your eyes are red. Have you been crying?

Put the verbs in the correct tense:

1. The policeman _____ (drive) away ten minutes ago.
2. The biscuit factory _____ (close) down last year.
3. She's very red. I think she _____ (lie) in the sun.
4. Ron _____ (just/ pass) his driving test.
5. Karen _____ (study) Italian for three years now and is still studying.
6. The Headmaster _____ (come) to this school in 2004.
7. Jack _____ (try) to get a job for six months, but is still unemployed.
8. The teacher _____ (already / tell) him to be quiet.
9. Tim _____ (not/take) many photos yet.
10. Oh no! I _____ (leave) my purse at home.

Conditionals (Zero – First – Second)

1. If I _____ (have) enough money, I would buy a new car.
2. If she studied harder, she _____ (pass) the test.
3. If it _____ (rain) tomorrow, I will stay inside.
4. If he wins the race, he _____ (be) very happy.
5. If we _____ (go) to the party, we will have a great time.
6. If ice _____ (melt), it turns into water.
7. If you _____ (ask) me nicely, I might lend you my car.
8. If she _____ (have) time, she would volunteer at the animal shelter.
9. If you put oil in water, it _____ (float).
10. If I had more time, I _____ (learn) a new language.

Present Perfect Simple or Continuous?

1. This traffic is terrible. We _____ (DRIVE) all day, but we _____ (ONLY DO) 50 miles up to now.
2. Is Jerry OK ? He _____ (ONLY ANSWER) 4 questions but he _____ (SIT) at the test for over an hour.
3. I _____ (TRY) to find a job for over 6 months and I _____ (HAVE) over 20 job interviews, but nothing _____ (COME) up yet.
4. Billy is a great journalist. His newspaper _____ (JUST OFFER) him an editing job.
5. I _____ (CALL) my friends all morning to tell them there won't be a party.
6. You are full of dirt . - What on earth _____ (YOU DO) ?
- I am sorry. I _____ (PLAY) football in the rain.
7. Tom and Mary _____ (GO) out with each other for two years now, but they still _____ (NOT DECIDE) on marrying.
8. Harry _____ (LEARN) to drive since the end of March.
9. Barbara can't come with us. Her car _____ (BREAK) down on the motorway.
10. The students _____ (WRITE) the exam for two hours now.

First and Second conditional

1. If children _____ (watch) violent television programmes, they will become violent.
2. Young children would learn to speak better if they _____ (watch) less television.
3. If you don't get nervous before the exam, you _____ (not have) any problems.
4. If you _____ (be) rude to your sister, she won't help you.
5. If María José _____ (give up) smoking, she'd feel better.
6. If he is still ill tomorrow, he _____ (not play) in the match.
7. If it _____ (rain) this weekend, what will you do?
8. If it is hot tomorrow, what _____ (you/do)?
9. If you _____ (win) the lottery, what would you do?
10. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where _____ (you/go)?