

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.