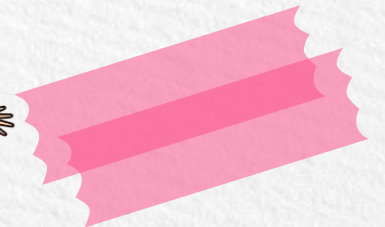





Lesson 2: Present perfect and past simple





Grammar: Present perfect (have/has + past participle)

We use the **present perfect** :

- to talk about an action which started in the past and continues up to the present

Diane **has been** in Angola for the last eight months.

- to talk about a recent action whose result is visible in the present.

I've **broken** my leg, so I can't walk

- to talk about an **experience**

Have you **ever been** to Angola?

- to talk about an action which happened at an unstated time in the past. The action is more important than the time.

He's **been** to the dentist's four times.

Time expression:

Just, already, yet, for, since, recently, lately, so far, ever, etc.



Present perfect simple and past simple

- We use the present perfect simple for an action which happened at an unstated in the past or which started in the past and continuous to the present

I **have been** to Angola. (When? We don't know)

He **has been** ill for a week. (He was ill last week and he still is.)

- We use the past simple for a completed past action which happened at a stated or known time.

He **wrote** his third novel in 1998. (When? In 1998)





Exercise 1: Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the present perfect simple

1. A:(you/ever/be) to Paris?

B: Yes, we..... (spend) a month in Paris two years ago.

2. A:.....(you/see) Janice at the party?

B: No, I(see) her for weeks.

3. A:.....(Fred/visit) his grandparents in Italy?

B: Yes, he.....(go) to Italy; last summer to see them.

4. A: I.....(eat) at Martin's Steak House last night – the food was delicious.

B: That's my favorite restaurant. I(eat) there many times.

5. A:(Mum/speak) to Jim?

B: Yes, she(call) him this morning.