

Moving from Present Perfect to Simple Past

Q) Has Eddie ever played football?

A) Yes, he has. He played football last Saturday.

Prompt 1

Eddie/play football?

Carlos/act in a play?

Helen/go to Rome?

Hans/run a marathon?

André/fire a gun?

Carmen/meet Maria?

Henry/swim in the sea?

Jane/play in a band?

Gwen/go to the opera?

Joe/play baseball?

Sophia/write a book?

Thomas/win a prize?

Heidi/study philosophy?

Prompt 2

last Saturday

when he was at school

in 2009

on his last birthday

when he was a soldier

about 6 months ago

last summer

when she was a girl

last weekend

when he was a teenager

in 2000

three years ago

when she was a student

**Sentence transformations: Simple Past to Present Perfect using 'just'
(the meaning is more or less the same)**

Example:

Simple Past: I remembered her name a few seconds ago.

Present Perfect: I've just remembered her name.

I remembered her name a few seconds ago.

I spoke to Marion on the phone a few minutes ago.

I finally gave up smoking yesterday.

John left five minutes ago.

They got married last Friday.

Frederick bought an apartment last week.

She lost her umbrella a few hours ago.

Our cat had kittens a few days ago.

I passed my driving test last weekend.

It started to rain a few minutes ago.

I said goodbye to Jane a few minutes ago.

I saw Jack an hour ago.

He began learning English only a week ago.

She arrived in Spain two days ago.

Sentence transformations: Simple Past sentences with 'the last time' to Present Perfect with 'for' or 'since' (the meaning is the same)

Statement	Response
a. The last time I had a drink was three years ago	I haven't had a drink for three years (I still haven't)
b. The last time I ate oysters was at my brother's wedding	I haven't eaten oysters since ...
c. The last time he saw Maria was 6 months ago	He hasn't seen ...
d. The last time she read a book was ages ago	She ...
e. The last time it rained here was 3 weeks ago	It ...
f. The last rock concert they went to was in March
g. The last time we heard from him was on his birthday
h. The last time she spoke French was ages ago
i. The last time she texted me was on Wednesday
j. The last time he went to a football match was a year ago
k. The last time she went to Paris was last Easter

Comparing Present Perfect and Present Perfect Continuous

Example

Q) How long have you been writing letters?

A) I've been writing letters since 3 o'clock.

Q) How many letters have you written?

A) I've written twelve.

Questions	Answers
How long you (write) letters? How many letters you (write)	since 3 o'clock twelve
How long they (walk)? How many miles they (walk)?	two hours six
How long they (pick) apples? How many apples they (pick)?	all morning ten kilos
How long he (collect) stamps? How many stamps he (collect)	about ten years hundreds
How long he (paint) pictures? How many pictures he (paint)?	25 years 33
How long you (decorate) your flat? How many rooms you (decorate)?	a week two
How long he (play) golf? How many tournaments he (won)?	twelve years four

Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous?

- a. I (write) ... to the bank twice, but they still (not reply).
- b. The telephone (ring) ... three times in the last hour, and each time it was for you.
- c. Charles and Tom (play) ... golf since ten o'clock. They (play) ... eight holes.
- d. The telephone (ring) ... for at least a minute. Why doesn't someone answer it?
- e. Look at her! She (drink) ... since she arrived. She (drink) ... at least a bottle of wine.
- f. It's the Italian Grand Prix! They (drive) ... for about twenty minutes. The leader (complete) ... fourteen laps.
- g. I (look) ... for a job for two months now and I still (not find) ... one.
- h. Who (eat) ... all the chocolates? There aren't any left.
- i. That man (stand) ... outside that house since 9 o'clock this morning and he (not move) ... all day.
- j. Who (eat) ... my chocolates? There are only a few left.
- k. Fred Nightly (write) ... novels since 1960 and he (write) ... over 20 best sellers..

Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous?

A: I think the waiter has (forget) us. We (wait) for more than half an hour and nobody (even speak) to us yet.

B: I think you're right. He (pass) our table at least twenty times. He probably thinks we (already order)

A: But look at those people over there; they (only be) here for ten minutes and he (already serve) them.

B: He must know we (not order) yet! We (sit) here for ages staring at him.

A: I don't know if he (even notice) us. He (run) from table to table taking orders and serving.

B: Yes, that's true; and he (not look) in our direction once.