

3.5 Present Perfect with *just*, *already*, *(not) yet* and Past Simple

We use the Present Perfect:

- to talk about actions which happened and finished in the past, but we do not know when exactly or it is not important:
*I **have read** a lot of biographies and autobiographies.*
- to talk about actions which happened in the past and the result is visible in the present:
*Eddie **has painted** his first portrait.*

Common time expressions used with the Present Perfect:

- ever** – used in questions:
*Have you **ever** been to an art gallery?*
- never** – used in negative sentences:
*My grandparents have **never** left England.*
- since then**:
*She won The X Factor in 2006. **Since then** she has sold millions of albums.*
- already** and **just** – used mainly in affirmative sentences between *have* and the Past Participle verb form:
*I have **already** seen it.*
*They have **just** left.*
- yet** – used in negative sentences and questions and always at the end of the sentence:
*I haven't seen her **yet**.*
*Has she written any songs **yet**?*

If we want to say when something happened, we use the Past Simple. We also use the Past Simple in questions with *when*.
*She **won** a Grammy in 2016.*
*When **did** you **see** Blur play live?*

1 Write questions, positive (✓) and negative (X) answers from the prompts. Use the Present Perfect and *already* or *yet*.

- Leonardo DiCaprio / win / an Oscar
_____?
(✓) _____.
- Katy Perry / write / her autobiography
_____?
(X) _____.
- Madonna / play concerts / in Poland
_____?
(✓) _____.
- E-books / replace / paper books
_____?
(X) _____.
- Harry / buy / his concert ticket
_____?
(✓) _____.
- the play / start _____?
(X) _____.
- Rihanna / release / a new album
_____?
(✓) _____.
- the shops / open _____?
(X) _____.

2 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets in the correct tense.

- A: _____ (you/ever/be) to the opera?
B: Yes. I _____ (go) to the opera last month. I _____ (see) *Madame Butterfly* by Puccini.
- Camilla Läckberg _____ (write) a lot of crime stories. She _____ (write) *The Witch* in 2017.
- Look, Pierre _____ (just/upload) some videos.
- My favourite singer _____ (release) his new single last week, but I _____ (not hear it/yet).
- Emily _____ (already/buy) a birthday present for her mum.

3 Choose the correct option.

AN OPERA TO REMEMBER

I ¹*just came / have just come* back from the opera house where I watched a new production of *The Magic Flute* and I have to say it is one of the best operas I ²*have ever seen / ever saw*! It is a famous opera which Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart ³*wrote / has written* around 1790. It is a magical romantic comedy. The audiences in the eighteenth century ⁴*thought / have thought* it was a bit silly, but the music and the characters are so interesting that it is still popular three centuries later. The latest film version of the opera ⁵*has come / came* out in 2006, but it ⁶*didn't receive / hasn't received* very good reviews at the time. In my opinion, you can't really understand the beauty of *The Magic Flute* if you ⁷*haven't had / didn't have* a chance to see it in one of the great opera houses, where all of its magic comes to life.

4 Choose the best option from the brackets and add it to the sentence in the correct position.

- I haven't seen the new *Star Wars* film. (yet / just)
- James has been to a rock concert, so he's got a bit of a headache at the moment. (just / already)
- You can have your book back now because I've finished it. (already / yet)
- Oliver hasn't been in a film, but he acted in a TV show last year. (already / yet)
- I've been to Hollywood, but I've never been to Miami. (already / yet)
- Hannah is tired because she has got home from the theatre and the play was over four hours long. (just / already)