

Grammar

Present perfect and past simple

present perfect
I've played the guitar since I was ten.
past simple
I played the guitar yesterday.

LOOK!

We use the present perfect for actions that began in the past and continue in the present. We use the past simple for completed actions in the past.

1 Complete the sentences and questions with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

We didn't talk (not talk) about self-awareness in class yesterday.

- _____ (she / have) many cats a few years ago?
- Where _____ (you / learn) to be creative?
- My dad _____ (bake) cupcakes last weekend. They _____ (be) delicious!
- I _____ (go) to an interview last month but I _____ (not get) the job.

2 Complete the table with the time expressions in the box.

already for two years just last week
since I was young two days ago
when I was 12 yesterday yet

present perfect	past simple
<i>How long...?</i>	<i>in 1998</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3 Complete the sentences with the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

We 've had (have) this car for three years.

- Yesterday the teacher _____ (ask) the class to write about their skills.
- How long _____ (you / study) French?
- The class _____ (do) a few workshops in 2012.
- My aunt is a nurse, but she _____ (not work) with babies yet.
- The college _____ (organize) monthly sessions since last autumn.

Communicate

4 Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.

asked did didn't haven't
spoken started

Karen Have you ever (1) spoken in public?

Jason No, but a few months ago, the teacher (2) _____ us to make a video blog about ourselves. I (3) _____ want to talk in front of a camera.

Karen What (4) _____ you do?

Jason I (5) _____ practising in front of a camera in my bedroom.

Karen Did it work?

Jason Yes actually, it did! I (6) _____ thought about it yet, but I suppose I feel much more confident because of that experience.

