

Open or Closed Time: present perfect or past simple

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How to work

Two things decide the verb: the interval (closed or still open) and the speaker's perspective. Read the whole context before choosing.

Read your answers again. Does each verb match the interval and the perspective? Did you keep the facts unchanged?

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Worked example with its own data. Context: Closed time: in 2023. The school trip to Florence is over. Message: We ____ (visit) the Uffizi in 2023. Solution: We visited the Uffizi in 2023. Why: in 2023 closes the interval, so past simple.

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New case

New data: today is not over. The robotics competition is today. This is your first time.

Complete: This is the first time I ____ (take) part in a robotics competition. Then write the clue that decides the form.

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