

Past account or current status?

Past simple vs present perfect

Choose the perspective

Use past simple for a closed past account. Use have/has + past participle for a current result, experience or situation continuing until now. A missing date does not choose the tense. An unfinished period can still contain past simple episodes: perspective matters. Practise these two forms in British English.

Diary: They repaired the roof on Monday. Status now: They have repaired the roof; it is safe.

meet–met–met; know–knew–known; see–saw–seen; live–lived–lived; finish–finished–finished; return–returned–returned. since: starting point.

A. Two time frames

Write two first-person sentences from the notes, using meet and know.

Sara: meeting two days ago.

Luca: acquaintance from 2018 until now; still known to you.

B. Repair the message

Correct both sentences, preserving the stated facts.

Facts: film viewing last night; Milan is still your home, from 2021 until now. Message: "I have seen that film last night. I lived in Milan since 2021."

Check time frames, purpose and unsupported claims.

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C. No date, two perspectives

Write a past account of both actions. Then report current status in present perfect with finish.

Closed story, no date: finish the book → return it to the library. Current status: the reading requirement is complete.

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