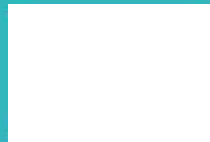


Was it, or has it been?

An informative PowerPoint about using simple past and present perfect tenses



Learning Intention

- To use the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the simple past tense.

Success Criteria

- I can identify verbs in a sentence.
- I know if a verb tense refers to past or present activity.
- I understand the terms 'present perfect tense' and 'simple past tense'.
- I can choose the appropriate tense for my sentence.



Starter Activity

My friend *Andrew* has lived in this town for five years and we have been best friends all that time. Before he came to our town, he was in *London* but his mum got a new job so the family moved here. When I met Andrew, he spoke with an *English* accent, but his dad says he has taken on the way I speak, so now he sounds as if he has been here all his life!

Spot the Verb!

1. Can you find the verbs in this paragraph?
2. Separate the verbs into 'past ideas' and 'present ideas'.



What's the Difference?

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Andrew was in *London*.

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Your Turn!

Can you decide which verb form is correct?

1. I **went** to the zoo yesterday.
I **have been** to the zoo yesterday.

Use simple past
tense here!

2. When you **have eaten** your dinner, you can go and play.
When you **ate** your dinner, you can go and play

Use present perfect
tense here!

3. I **have lost** my pencil during the last lesson
I **lost** my pencil during the last lesson.

Use simple past
tense here!

4. Wait for me! I **haven't put** my coat on yet.
Wait for me! I **didn't** put my coat on yet.

Use present perfect
tense here!



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Can you decide which verb form is correct?

1. My mum **has grown** her hair very long; it's now down to her waist!
My mum **grew** her hair very long; it's now down to her waist!

Use present perfect
tense here!

2. We **have been** waiting ages for this bus but now it's coming.
We **waited** ages for this bus but now it's coming.

Use present perfect
tense here!

3. On my birthday, I **had** a party and all my friends **slept** over.
On my birthday, I **have had** a party and all my friends **have slept** over.

Use simple past
tense here!



Making the Present Perfect Tense

A little extra word...

- **Present perfect** tense uses the **auxiliary** verb **have** before the main verb.
- Use '**have**' for I/you/we/they.
- Use '**has**' for he/she/it.

1. My friend *Andrew* has **lived** in this town for five years.
2. We have **been** best friends all that time.
3. His dad says he has **taken** on the way I speak.
4. Unfortunately, the cat has **been** sick on the carpet – yuk!
5. Mum asked, “Where have you **been** all this time?”
6. What a shame; Sports Day has **been** postponed because of the rain.
7. Has every person **chosen** a partner now?
8. “What has **happened** to all my pencils?” asked the teacher.



Making the Present Perfect Tense

do...did...done

- **Present perfect** tense uses the **past participle (third form)** of the main verb after the auxiliary 'have'.
- Make sure you choose the correct form!

1. My hair has really **grew / grown** recently, hasn't it?
2. Wow; look how much work you've **did / done** today!
3. Dad didn't put the washing out because it has **was / been** raining all day.
4. Mum, Josh has **came / come** round – can I go out to play for a bit?
5. Oh no, I have **forgot / forgotten** my homework book!
6. The teacher has **blew / blown** her whistle for the end of playtime.
7. Shh! The film has **began / begun** already.
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Plenary

What have we learned?

We use the **simple past** tense to talk about events that are **completely in the past**.

e.g. Cassie **went** to school yesterday.

The **present perfect** tense is for events which are **still true now** or **affect us in the present**.

e.g. Where's Cassie? Well, it's 9am, so she **has gone** to school.

e.g. Cassie's exhausted because she **has been** on a school trip all day.



