

Present Perfect and Simple Past

Past and Present



As a class, decide which columns these sentences belong in.

Past	Present

I saw a film.

I watch a film.

I listen to music.

I listened to music.

I drove a car.

I drive a car.

I eat a meal.

I ate a meal.

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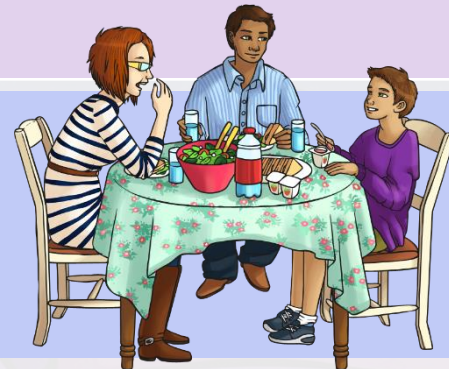
As a class, decide which columns these sentences belong in.

Past	Present
I saw a film. I listened to music. I drove a car. I ate a meal. I have eaten a meal.	I watch a film. I listen to music. I drive a car. I eat a meal.

Where would you place this sentence?

I have eaten a meal.

What do you notice about it?



It is in the past. It is called the **Present Perfect** tense. Confusing!

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There are different types of tenses. Here are two of them.

Simple Past	Present Perfect
I saw a film. I listened to music. I drove a car. I ate a meal. I kept warm. I talked. I swam.	I have watched a film. I have listened to music. I have driven a car. I have eaten a meal. She has walked. He has made the coffee.

Where would you place these?

I kept warm.

He has made the coffee.

I talked.

I swam.

She has walked.



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The present perfect tense uses have + past participle (usually words ending in -ed or -en).

I walked. → I **have** walked.

Look at more examples below.

Present Perfect

They **have** watched a film.

She **has** listened to music.

I **have** driven a car.

We **have** eaten a meal.



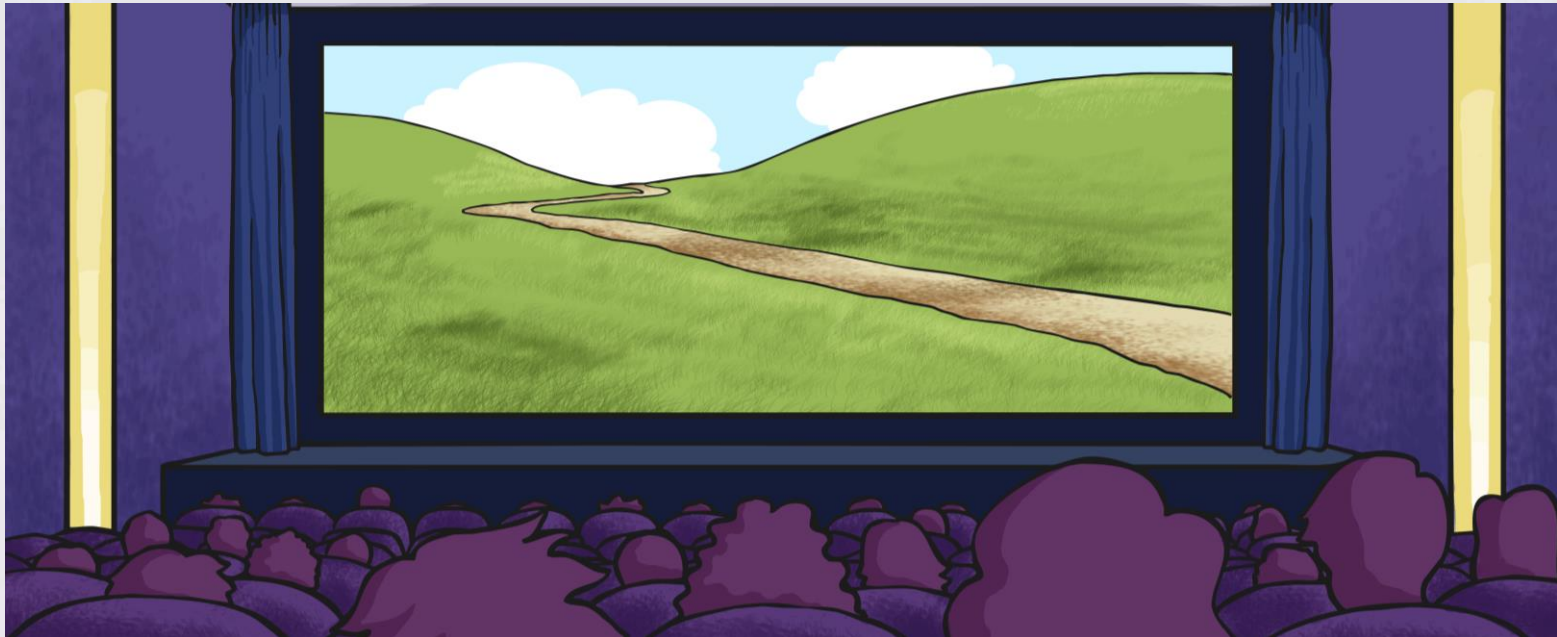
Which Past?



Which of these sentences is in the simple past?
What is the difference between the two?

I have seen a film.

I saw a film.



Which Past?



- Simple past talks about something that started and finished in the past.
- Present perfect talks about something that started in the past but might be true now or affects something that happens today.

I have seen a film.

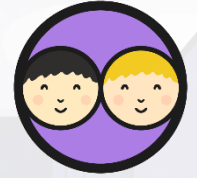
I saw a film.

Present perfect

Simple past



Which Past?



Work on your whiteboard with a partner to select which tense is correct.
Write 'a' or 'b' for each one.
Click the boxes to reveal the correct answer.

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| 1. | a) I went to school yesterday. | b) I have been to school yesterday. |
| 2. | a) When you have finished your homework, you can go on the computer. | b) When you finished your homework, you can go on the computer. |
| 3. | a) I found my keys now. | b) I have found my keys. |
| 4. | a) Next I ran past the window. | b) Next I have run past the window. |

