**Present Perfect or Past Simple – Worksheet from EnglishCurrent.com**

**A. Present Perfect Simple or Past Simple**

1. Alan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (graduate) from university last month.
2. There \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a large earthquake in Japan in 1995.
3. I like to exercise, but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/exercise) yet this week.
4. My father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (never/go) to university. He passed away last year.
5. John and Lisa \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) married since 2010.
6. Recently, there \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a lot of rain.
7. My brother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/work) for eight months. He needs to find a job.
8. My wife and I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) married for 1 year. So far we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) any big problems.
9. I started writing my essay two hours ago, and I still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/finish) yet.

**B. Present Perfect Simple or Past Simple**

A: Where’s John? B: I don’t know. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/see) him today.

A: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/ever/be) to Hawaii? B: Yes. Twice.

A: When \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/get) your dog? B: Last summer.

A: How long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/study) English? B: Five years.

A: Do you know anyone who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) to Thailand? B: Yes, my sister.

A: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/see) my keys today? B: Yes. I \_\_\_ (see) them this morning on the kitchen table.

A: Would you like half my sandwich? B: I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (just/eat) lunch, so I’m not hungry. Thanks for asking though.

**C. Prepositions: Insert For, Since, or From**

1. Peter lived in Japan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2001 until 2005. Now, he lives in Chicago. He has been living in Chicago \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he left Japan. He works as a chef at a nice French restaurant. He has been working there \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ almost two years.
2. Laura is an excellent golfer. She has been playing golf \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she was 8 years old. Now, she’s a professional golfer. She has also been coaching golf \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ several years. She started coaching me last year. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ then, I have become a much better player.

**D. Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Progressive (Continuous)**

*Hint: Do not use the progressive tenses for state verbs.*

1. My sister \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV for four hours. She should take a break.
2. I’m hungry. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) anything to eat yet today.
3. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rain) since noon. I wish it would stop.
4. A: When is the bus coming? B: I don’t know. I hope it comes soon. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for half an hour.
5. George is my best friend. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) him since I was five years old.
6. The Johnsons are trying to find a house to buy. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) for four months. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/find) anything yet.
7. The weather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) so nice recently. I love summer.
8. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) these exercises for several minutes. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/make) any mistakes?

**E. Insert the Correct Verb in Present Perfect Simple, Present Perfect Progressive, or Past Simple**

A: Hi John. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/see) you in a long time! How \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/be) lately?

B: Fine. And guess what? I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) a new job.

A: Really? Where?

B: Campbell’s Auto Insurance. I’m doing accounting, of course. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (only/work) there for a month but it seems pretty good. And what’s new with you?

A: Well, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (move) into a new apartment last month with Jacob.

B: Jacob?

A: My boyfriend. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/meet) him. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) together for half a year now.

B: Oh, good for you! And what does Jacob do?

A: He’s an accountant too, actually. Actually, he’s looking for a job now. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) for a few months now, but he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/find) anything good yet.

B: I know how he feels. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) about five interviews at different companies before I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (find) my job. I’m sure he’ll find something.

A: I hope so. Okay, well, I’ve got to get going. It was nice talking to you, John. Have a nice day.

**Answers**

A = 1-graduated, 2-was-, 3-have not exercised, 4-never went, 5-have been, 6-has been, 7-has not worked, 8-have been, have not had, 9-haven’t finished

B = haven’t seen, Have you ever been, did you get, have you [been studying/studied], has been, Have you seen, saw, have just eaten

C = 1-from, since, for, 2-since, for, since

D = 1-has been watching, 2-have not eaten, 3-has been raining, 5-I have been waiting, 6-have been looking, haven’t found, 7- has been, 8-have been doing, Have you made

E = haven’t seen, have you been, got, have only worked, moved, have not met, have been, has been looking, has not found, had, found

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