

PAST SIMPLE vs PRESENT PERFECT

Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1.- They _____ (write) their exams yesterday.
- 2.- They _____ (start) building their new house 18 months ago.
- 3.- I _____ (meet) the company manager two weeks ago.
- 4.- I _____ (be born) in 1964.
- 5.- That was the best concert I _____ ever _____ (see).
- 6.- I _____ (not eat) anything since breakfast.
- 7.- I _____ (study) English for 10 years.
- 8.- You _____ (change) your address recently.
- 9.- When I was 15 I _____ (go) to Dublin.
- 10.- My students _____ (raise) a lot of money for charity.
- 11.- We _____ (not go) to the cinema last night.
- 12.- My uncle _____ (arrive) in Lisbon last night but he _____ (not call)
- 13.- We _____ (not see) Pedro Almodovar's new film yet.
- 14.- _____ (you go) abroad this year?
- 15.- The shop is probably closed because they _____ (go) for lunch.
- 16.- When I _____ (be) at school I _____ (not like) Maths.
- 17.- What's the matter with your brother? He _____ (lose) his mobile.
- 18.- Mark Spitz _____ (win) seven Olympic gold medals in 1972.
- 19.- Why are you crying? Because I _____ (cut) my finger.
- 20.- When Mary was young she _____ (love) skiing.
- 21.- There _____ (be) a lot of accidents last year, and there _____ (be) a lot this year, too.
- 22.- My students _____ (not study) hard last term, but they _____ (study) hard this term.
- 23.- When my niece _____ (be) at school, she _____ (play) in a handball team.
- 24.- After I _____ (leave) school, I _____ (take) a job on the library.
- 25.- I'm afraid the last train _____ (leave) an hour ago.
- 26.- Thank you for your offer but I _____ (decide) not to accept.
- 27.- Yesterday I _____ (lose) my wallet.
- 28.- We _____ (not speak) to your sister for a long time.
- 29.- When we _____ (reach) the cinema, there _____ (not be) any tickets left.
- 30.- Take your umbrella with you. It _____ (start) raining.





ANSWER KEY.

- 1.- wrote
- 2.- started
- 3.- met
- 4.- was born
- 5.- have ever seen
- 6.- haven't eaten
- 7.- have studied
- 8.- have changed
- 9.- went
- 10.- have raised
- 11.- didn't go
- 12.- arrived / didn't call
- 13.- haven't seen
- 14.- have you been
- 15.- have gone
- 16.- was / didn't like
- 17.- has lost
- 18.- won
- 19.- have cut
- 20.- loved
- 21.- were / have been
- 22.- didn't study / have studied
- 23.- was / played
- 24.- left / took
- 25.- left
- 26.- have decided
- 27.- lost
- 28.- haven't spoken
- 29.- reached / weren't
- 30.- has started