

**Intermediate grammar exercise:
past simple vs. present perfect, ex. 1**

English grammar practice exercise, intermediate

In this exercise you will practise using the past simple and present perfect tenses.

Exercise instructions

Use the words in brackets to put each of the following into either the past simple or present perfect:

1. ~ How many times (you/try) _____ to pass your driving test?
~ Three times so far.
2. When (you/go) _____ to Rome?
3. You look different. (you/have) _____ a haircut?
4. I (not/see) _____ David at all this week. I don't even know where he is.
5. ~ (you/speak) _____ to Peter yet?
~ No, not yet.
6. When (you/start) _____ your job?
7. I (move) _____ house three times in the last five years.
8. My sister (be) _____ to New York three times and she's going again next month.
9. The US President (be) _____ in our country last year.
10. The US President (visit) _____ our country three times in the last two years.

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Key

1. ~ How many times (you/try) **have you tried** to pass your driving test?
~ Three times so far.
2. When (you/go) **did you go** to Rome?
3. You look different. (you/have) **Have you had** a haircut?
4. I (not/see) **have not seen / haven't seen** David at all this week. I don't even know where he is.
5. ~ (you/speak) **Have you spoken** to Peter yet?
~ No, not yet.
6. When (you/start) **did you start** your job?
7. I (move) **have moved / 've moved** house three times in the last five years.
8. My sister (be) **has been / 's been** to New York three times and she's going again next month.
9. The US President (be) **was** in our country last year.
10. The US President (visit) **has visited / 's visited** our country three times in the last two years.

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