

A2 LEVEL EXAM | #5

Present Perfect vs Past Simple

When do we use 'I have done' and when do we use 'I did'?



30 Questions



45 Minutes



A2 Level

Instructions: Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D) for each question. Circle your answer or write the letter in the box.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____ / 30

1. I ___ to Paris last summer.

- A) have gone
- B) have been
- C) went
- D) go

2. She ___ three cups of tea today.

- A) drank
- B) drinks
- C) drunk
- D) has drunk

3. We ___ this film before. Let's watch something else.

- A) saw
- B) see
- C) have seen
- D) were seeing

4. He ___ his homework an hour ago.

- A) has finished
- B) have finished
- C) finishing
- D) finished

5. ___ you ever ___ sushi?

- A) Did / eat
 - B) Have / eaten
 - C) Do / eat
 - D) Were / eating
-

6. They ___ to London in 2019.

- A) have moved
 - B) has moved
 - C) moved
 - D) move
-

7. I ___ my keys. Can you help me find them?

- A) lost
 - B) have lost
 - C) lose
 - D) was losing
-

8. She ___ born in 1995.

- A) has been
 - B) was
 - C) is
 - D) have been
-

9. We ___ never ___ to Australia.

- A) did / go
 - B) have / been
 - C) were / going
 - D) has / been
-

10. I ___ a great film yesterday.

- A) have watched
 - B) has watched
 - C) watched
 - D) watch
-

11. She ___ here since 2020.

- A) worked
 - B) works
 - C) is working
 - D) has worked
-

12. ___ you ___ to the new restaurant yet?

- A) Did / go
 - B) Have / been
 - C) Were / going
 - D) Do / go
-

13. I ___ John at the party last night.

- A) met
 - B) have seen
 - C) have met
 - D) meet
-

14. He ___ already ___ lunch, so he isn't hungry.

- A) has / eaten
 - B) had / eat
 - C) did / eat
 - D) was / eating
-

15. When ___ you ___ driving?

- A) have / learned
 - B) did / learn
 - C) do / learn
 - D) are / learning
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16. I ___ in this city for ten years.

- A) live
 - B) lived
 - C) am living
 - D) have lived
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17. The train ___ just ___. We missed it!

- A) has / left
 - B) did / leave
 - C) was / leaving
 - D) is / leaving
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18. Mozart ___ more than 600 pieces of music.

- A) has composed
 - B) has been composing
 - C) composes
 - D) composed
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19. I ___ that book. It's really good.

- A) read
 - B) was reading
 - C) reading
 - D) have read
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20. They ___ married in a small church in 2018.

- A) have got
 - B) has got
 - C) got
 - D) get
-

21. This is the best pizza I ___ ever ___.

- A) have / tasted
 - B) did / taste
 - C) was / tasting
 - D) had / tasted
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22. A: 'Do you know Sara?' B: 'Yes, we ___ each other for years.'

- A) know
 - B) knew
 - C) have known
 - D) are knowing
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23. She ___ to the gym three times this week.

- A) has been
- B) goes
- C) went
- D) was going

24. I ___ that movie when I was a child, and I ___ it again last week.

- A) have seen / watched
- B) saw / have watched
- C) saw / watched
- D) have seen / have watched

25. He ___ five countries so far this year.

- A) has visited
- B) visits
- C) visited
- D) was visiting

26. ___ the bus ___ yet? I don't want to be late.

- A) Did / arrive
- B) Has / arrived
- C) Does / arrive
- D) Is / arriving

27. A: 'Why are you so tired?' B: 'I ___ all day.'

- A) worked
- B) was working
- C) work
- D) have worked

28. She ___ her first novel when she was only 19.

- A) has published
- B) published
- C) has been publishing
- D) publishes

29. It's the third time he ___ the same mistake.

- A) made
- B) makes
- C) has made
- D) was making

30. A: '___ you ___ the email I sent?' B: 'Yes, I ___ it this morning.'

- A) Have / read / read
 - B) Did / read / have read
 - C) Have / read / have read
 - D) Did / read / read
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Answer Key

1. C	2. D	3. C	4. D	5. B	6. C	7. B	8. B	9. B	10. C
11. D	12. B	13. A	14. A	15. B	16. D	17. A	18. D	19. D	20. C
21. A	22. C	23. A	24. C	25. A	26. B	27. D	28. B	29. C	30. A

Detailed Explanations

1. I ___ to Paris last summer. → **C) went**

'Last summer' is a finished time → past simple: I went.

2. She ___ three cups of tea today. → **D) has drunk**

'Today' is not finished → present perfect: She has drunk.

3. We ___ this film before. Let's watch something else. → **C) have seen**

'Before' with present result → present perfect: We have seen.

4. He ___ his homework an hour ago. → **D) finished**

'An hour ago' is a specific past time → past simple: He finished.

5. ___ you ever ___ sushi? → **B) Have / eaten**

'Ever' = in your life → present perfect: Have you ever eaten?

6. They ___ to London in 2019. → **C) moved**

'In 2019' is a finished time → past simple: They moved.

7. I ___ my keys. Can you help me find them? → **B) have lost**

Present result (can't find them now) → present perfect: I have lost.

8. She ___ born in 1995. → **B) was**

Birth year is a finished event → past simple: She was born.

9. We ___ never ___ to Australia. → **B) have / been**

'Never' + life experience → present perfect: We have never been.

10. I ___ a great film yesterday. → **C) watched**

'Yesterday' = specific past time → past simple: I watched.

11. She ___ here since 2020. → **D) has worked**

'Since 2020' = from past to now → present perfect: She has worked.

12. ___ you ___ to the new restaurant yet? → **B) Have / been**

'Yet' in questions → present perfect: Have you been?

13. I ___ John at the party last night. → **A) met**

'Last night' = finished time → past simple: I met.

14. He ___ already ___ lunch, so he isn't hungry. → **A) has / eaten**

'Already' + present result → present perfect: He has already eaten.

15. When ___ you ___ driving? → **B) did / learn**

'When' asks about specific past time → past simple: When did you learn?

16. I ___ in this city for ten years. → **D) have lived**

'For ten years' continuing to now → present perfect: I have lived.

17. The train ___ just ___. We missed it! → **A) has / left**

'Just' = a moment ago with present result → present perfect.

18. Mozart ___ more than 600 pieces of music. → **D) composed**

Mozart is dead = finished life → past simple: Mozart composed.

19. I ___ that book. It's really good. → **D) have read**

Experience with present relevance (recommending it) → present perfect.

20. They ___ married in a small church in 2018. → **C) got**

'In 2018' = specific time → past simple: They got married.

21. This is the best pizza I ___ ever ___. → **A) have / tasted**

Superlative + ever → present perfect: the best I have ever tasted.

22. A: 'Do you know Sara?' B: 'Yes, we ___ each other for years.' → **C) have known**

'For years' continuing to now → present perfect: We have known.

23. She ___ to the gym three times this week. → **A) has been**

'This week' is not finished → present perfect: She has been.

24. I ___ that movie when I was a child, and I ___ it again last week. → **C) saw / watched**

Both are specific past times → past simple + past simple.

25. He ___ five countries so far this year. → **A) has visited**

'So far this year' = unfinished time → present perfect.

26. ___ the bus ___ yet? I don't want to be late. → **B) Has / arrived**

'Yet' asking about something expected → present perfect.

27. A: 'Why are you so tired?' B: 'I ___ all day.' → **D) have worked**

Result now (tired) from action continuing until now → present perfect.

28. She ___ her first novel when she was only 19. → **B) published**

'When she was 19' = specific past time → past simple.

29. It's the third time he ____ the same mistake. → **C) has made**

'It's the Nth time' + present perfect: He has made.

30. A: '____ you ____ the email I sent?' B: 'Yes, I ____ it this morning.' → **A) Have / read / read**

First: experience → present perfect. Second: 'this morning' specific → past simple.