



Present Perfect:

Present Perfect vs Past Simple (1)

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. I ___ to Paris last summer.
a) went
b) have gone
c) have been
d) go
2. She ___ three cups of coffee today.
a) has drunk
b) drinks
c) is drinking
d) drank
3. They ___ married in 2015.
a) got
b) get
c) have gotten
d) have got
4. I ___ that movie. It's really good!
a) saw
b) have seen
c) am seeing
d) see
5. We ___ to the beach yesterday.
a) have gone
b) went
c) have been
d) go
6. He ___ his keys. He can't find them anywhere.
a) has lost
b) is losing
c) loses
d) lost
7. I ___ John when I was at university.
a) have met
b) meet
c) am meeting
d) met
8. She ___ five emails this morning.
a) writes
b) has written
c) wrote
d) is writing
9. The concert ___ at 8 o'clock last night.
a) starts
b) has started
c) started
d) is starting
10. I ___ never ___ sushi before.
a) was, trying
b) did, try
c) have, tried
d) am, trying
11. We ___ our grandmother last weekend.
a) have visited
b) visited
c) visit
d) are visiting

12. I ___ just ___ lunch. I'm not hungry.
a) did, have
b) am, having
c) have, had
d) was, having
13. Shakespeare ___ many famous plays.
a) has written
b) wrote
c) writes
d) is writing
14. I ___ to London several times.
a) go
b) went
c) am going
d) have been
15. The train ___ five minutes ago.
a) has left
b) is leaving
c) left
d) leaves
16. She ___ a lot of weight recently.
a) lost
b) has lost
c) is losing
d) loses
17. I ___ my homework before dinner.
a) have done
b) did
c) am doing
d) do
18. We ___ already ___ the report.
a) have, finished
b) were, finishing
c) did, finish
d) are, finishing
19. I ___ born in 1990.
a) am
b) have been
c) had been
d) was
20. Have you ___ your teeth yet?
a) brushing
b) brushed
c) brush
d) been brushing



Answers

1. a) went
2. a) has drunk
3. a) got
4. b) have seen
5. b) went
6. a) has lost
7. d) met
8. b) has written
9. c) started
10. c) have, tried
11. b) visited
12. c) have, had
13. b) wrote
14. d) have been
15. c) left
16. b) has lost
17. b) did
18. a) have, finished
19. d) was
20. b) brushed



Explanations

1. “went” (a)

'Last summer' is a specific past time, so use Past Simple 'went'.

2. “has drunk” (a)

'Today' is unfinished time (still continuing), so use Present Perfect.

3. “got” (a)

'In 2015' is a specific past time, so use Past Simple 'got'.

4. “have seen” (b)

No specific time mentioned, and there's a present result (I can recommend it), so use Present Perfect.

5. “went” (b)

'Yesterday' is a specific past time, so use Past Simple 'went'.

6. “has lost” (a)

The keys are still lost now (present result), so use Present Perfect.

7. “met” (d)

'When I was at university' is a specific past time, so use Past Simple.

8. “has written” (b)

'This morning' (if it's still morning) is unfinished time, so use Present Perfect.

9. “started” (c)

'Last night' is a specific past time, so use Past Simple.

10. “have, tried” (c)

'Never' with life experiences uses Present Perfect. 'Before' indicates any time up to now.

11. “visited” (b)

'Last weekend' is a specific past time, so use Past Simple.

12. “have, had” (c)

'Just' indicates a very recent action with present relevance, so use Present Perfect.

13. “wrote” (b)

Shakespeare lived in the past (he's dead), so use Past Simple for his actions.

14. “have been” (d)

Life experience without specific time uses Present Perfect.

15. “left” (c)

'Five minutes ago' is a specific past time, so use Past Simple.

16. “has lost” (b)

'Recently' suggests a connection to the present, so use Present Perfect.

17. “did” (b)

'Before dinner' (past reference) indicates a completed past action, use Past Simple.

18. “have, finished” (a)

'Already' with completed actions having present relevance uses Present Perfect.

19. “was” (d)

'In 1990' is a specific past time, so use Past Simple 'was'.

20. “brushed” (b)

'Yet' with questions about expected actions uses Present Perfect (Have you + past participle).