



Present Perfect: Present Perfect vs Past Simple (2)

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- Einstein ____ the theory of relativity.
a) developed
b) develops
c) is developing
d) has developed
- Have you seen the news? — Yes, I ____ it this morning.
a) am seeing
b) have seen
c) see
d) saw
- My grandmother ____ 15 grandchildren. She's very proud!
a) is having
b) have
c) had
d) has
- I've lost my phone! — Oh no! Where ____ you last ____ it?
a) do, see
b) are, seeing
c) did, see
d) have, seen
- Leonardo da Vinci ____ the Mona Lisa.
a) paints
b) painted
c) has painted
d) is painting
- I ____ to your brother. He told me about the party.
a) spoke
b) am speaking
c) have spoken
d) speak
- When ____ you ____ to drive?
a) are, learning
b) did, learn
c) do, learn
d) have, learned
- She ____ three novels so far, and she's working on a fourth.
a) has written
b) writes
c) wrote
d) is writing
- My grandfather ____ in World War II.
a) fought
b) is fighting
c) has fought
d) fights
- Have you finished your homework? — Yes, I ____ it an hour ago.
a) have finished
b) am finishing
c) finish
d) finished
- The company ____ 1,000 new employees this year.
a) has hired
b) hires
c) is hiring
d) hired

12. How long ___ you ___ at your previous job?
a) are, working
b) did, work
c) have, worked
d) do, work
13. Queen Victoria ___ for over 60 years.
a) is reigning
b) has reigned
c) reigns
d) reigned
14. I ___ my ankle. I can't walk properly.
a) am hurting
b) have hurt
c) hurt
d) was hurting
15. I ___ tennis when I was at school, but I don't play anymore.
a) am playing
b) play
c) played
d) have played
16. She ___ here for five years. She started in 2019.
a) is working
b) worked
c) works
d) has worked
17. What ___ you ___ last night?
a) did, do
b) are, doing
c) do, do
d) have, done
18. Technology ___ a lot in the last 20 years.
a) has changed
b) changed
c) is changing
d) changes
19. The ancient Egyptians ___ the pyramids.
a) are building
b) build
c) built
d) have built
20. I ___ to call you all day! Where have you been?
a) have been trying
b) tried
c) am trying
d) try



Answers

1. a) developed
2. d) saw
3. d) has
4. c) did, see
5. b) painted
6. c) have spoken
7. b) did, learn
8. a) has written
9. a) fought
10. d) finished
11. a) has hired
12. b) did, work
13. d) reigned
14. b) have hurt
15. c) played
16. d) has worked
17. a) did, do
18. a) has changed
19. c) built
20. a) have been trying



Explanations

1. “developed” (a)

Einstein is dead, so we use Past Simple for his achievements.

2. “saw” (d)

After introducing a topic with Present Perfect, use Past Simple for specific details ('this morning' as a finished time).

3. “has” (d)

Grandmother is alive (present result: she's proud), so use Present Perfect or simple present.

4. “did, see” (c)

After 'I've lost' (Present Perfect), the follow-up question asks for specific past details (Past Simple).

5. “painted” (b)

Da Vinci is dead, so use Past Simple for his works.

6. “have spoken” (c)

The conversation has present relevance (you now know about the party), so use Present Perfect.

7. “did, learn” (b)

'When' asks about a specific time in the past, so use Past Simple.

8. “has written” (a)

She's still alive and writing, so use Present Perfect for her achievements 'so far'.

9. “fought” (a)

World War II is a finished historical period, so use Past Simple.

10. “finished” (d)

After a Present Perfect question, the answer gives specific time ('an hour ago'), so use Past Simple.

11. “has hired” (a)

'This year' is unfinished time, and the company still exists, so use Present Perfect.

12. “did, work” (b)

'Previous job' is finished, so use Past Simple to ask about duration.

13. “reigned” (d)

Queen Victoria is dead, so use Past Simple for her reign.

14. “have hurt” (b)

There's a present result (can't walk), so use Present Perfect.

15. “played” (c)

'When I was at school' is a finished time period, and the activity stopped, so use Past Simple.

16. “has worked” (d)

She still works here (continuing situation), so use Present Perfect.

17. “did, do” (a)

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

18. “has changed” (a)

'In the last 20 years' includes now, so use Present Perfect.

19. “built” (c)

The ancient Egyptians are a historical civilization (finished period), so use Past Simple.

20. “have been trying” (a)

'All day' up to now uses Present Perfect (or Present Perfect Continuous) for an ongoing effort.