

Study Handout: Simple Past – Present Perfect – Past Perfect

1) SIMPLE PAST

Use: Finished actions in the past, specific time given.

Examples: "I visited London last year." / "She watched TV yesterday."

Form:

Affirmative: Subject + V2

Negative: Subject + didn't + base verb

Question: Did + subject + base verb?

2) PRESENT PERFECT

Use: Life experiences, actions continuing until now, recent actions with result now.

Examples: "I have visited Italy." / "She has lived here for 3 years."

Form:

have/has + past participle (V3)

Negative: haven't/hasn't + V3

Question: Have/Has + subject + V3?

3) PAST PERFECT

Use: The past before another past action.

Example: "When I arrived, she had already left."

Form:

had + past participle (V3)

Quick Comparison Table

Simple Past: Finished action – "I watched a movie yesterday."

Present Perfect: Experience / result now – "I have watched that movie twice."

Past Perfect: Past before past – "I had watched the movie before you arrived."

Mini Test

1. I _____ (finish) my homework yesterday.
2. She _____ never _____ (see) snow.
3. When we got to the station, the train _____ already _____ (leave).
4. Have you _____ (read) this book yet?
5. He _____ (not go) to school last Monday.