

# Past Simple vs Present Perfect

These two tenses often get mixed up by learners of English. Find out the differences below!

## FORM:

Subject + Past Verb (V2)



## FUNCTION:

Used for a completed action in the past when the time is known.

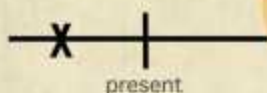


## COMMON TIME PHRASES:

yesterday, last week, two days ago, last night etc.



## TIMELINE:



## EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

I ate grapes as a snack yesterday.



## FORM:

Subject + have/has + Past Participle (V3)



## FUNCTION:

Used for an action at an unspecified time before now or an unfinished time.

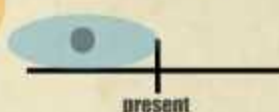


## COMMON TIME PHRASES:

today, this week, this year, in my lifetime etc.



## TIMELINE:



## EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

I have eaten watermelon this week.

