



1 What's the difference? Present Perfect and Past Simple

Present Perfect Simple	Past Simple
Unfinished actions that started in the past and continue to the present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I ve known Julie for ten years (and I still know her). 	Finished actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I knew Julie for ten years (but then she moved away and we lost touch).
A finished action in someone's life (when the person is still alive: life experience): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My brother has been to Mexico three times. 	A finished action in someone's life (when the person is dead): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My great-grandmother went to Mexico three times.
A finished action with a result in the present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I ve lost my keys! (The result is that I can't get into my house now). 	A finished action with no result in the present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I lost my keys yesterday. It was terrible! (Now there is no result. I got new keys yesterday).
With an unfinished time word (this week, this month, today): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I ve seen John this week. 	With a finished time word (last week, last month, yesterday): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I saw John last week.
Present Perfect	Simple Past
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> just yet never already ever so far up to now recently since 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> yesterday last week a month ago in 2012

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