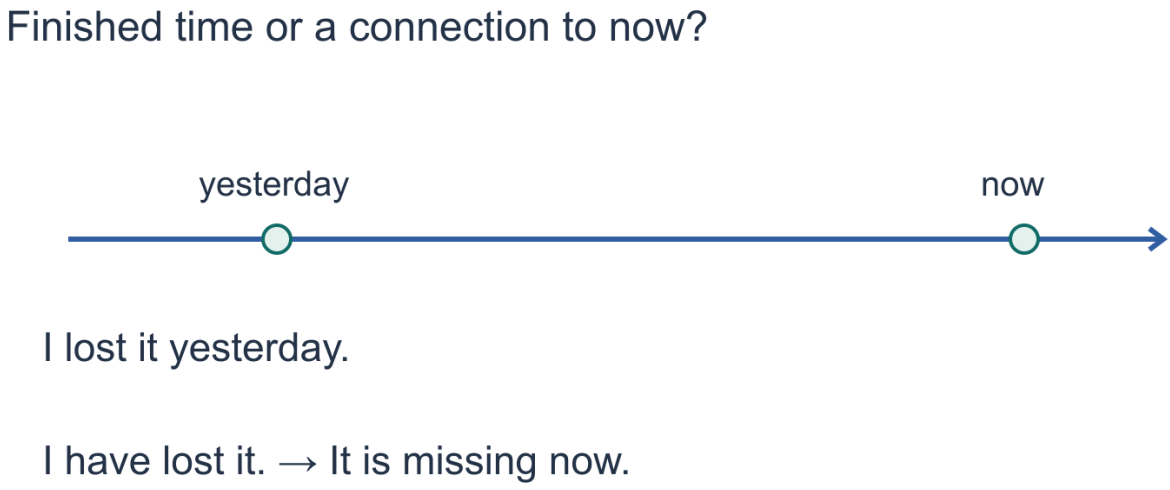
# Present perfect or simple past: does the time connect to now?

## Grade 6 · Practice and answer pack

“I have lost my key” tells us about a past event with a present consequence. “I lost my key yesterday” places the event at a finished past time.

Use the simple past for a completed event at a finished past time. Use the present perfect, have/has + past participle, for experiences or past events connected to the present without naming a finished past time.

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Simple past locates a loss yesterday. Present perfect presents the loss as relevant now.

## Matching complete guide

bananalearn.com/learn/grade-6-present-perfect-and-simple-past.html

# Try before looking at the answers

Name (optional): _____ Date: _____

Show your method or explain your choice. Work through a short group at a time. Questions are original practice, not a complete syllabus assessment.

**1. She has ___ her lunch. (eat)**

**2. I ___ him yesterday. (see)**

**3. We have known her ___ 2022.**

**4. They have lived here ___ six months.**

**5. Fix: He has wrote three stories.**

**6. I ___ my homework yesterday. finished or have finished?**

**7. She has ___ the letter. wrote or written?**

**8. We have lived here ___ 2020.**

**9. We lived there for two years, then moved. Is simple past appropriate?**

**10. Correct: Did you went yesterday?**

**11. Ask about life experience using visit.**

**12. Give a finished-time answer to that question.**

**13. Explain “I have lost my ticket”.**

# Answers and reasoning

Compare the explanation as well as the answer. If a method is unclear, revisit the matching guide and try a changed example.

## 1. She has ___ her lunch. (eat)

**eaten**

Have/has needs the past participle.

## 2. I ___ him yesterday. (see)

**saw**

Yesterday locates a finished past event.

## 3. We have known her ___ 2022.

**since**

2022 is a starting point.

## 4. They have lived here ___ six months.

**for**

Six months is a duration.

## 5. Fix: He has wrote three stories.

**He has written three stories.**

Written is the past participle of write.

## 6. I ___ my homework yesterday. finished or have finished?

**finished**

Yesterday is a finished time.

## 7. She has ___ the letter. wrote or written?

**written**

Use the past participle after has.

## 8. We have lived here ___ 2020.

**since**

2020 is the starting point.

## 9. We lived there for two years, then moved. Is simple past appropriate?

**Yes**

The stay ended.

## 10. Correct: Did you went yesterday?

**Did you go yesterday?**

Use the base form after did.

## 11. Ask about life experience using visit.

**Have you ever visited a museum?**

Present perfect connects past experience to now.

## 12. Give a finished-time answer to that question.

**Yes, I visited one last Saturday.**

Use simple past for the dated event.

## 13. Explain “I have lost my ticket”.

**The loss is relevant now, often because the ticket remains missing.**

The tense highlights the present connection rather than specifying when.

## Check understanding

• Is the time period finished or continuing?

• Have you used the correct participle?

• Does the tense match the intended meaning, not just a signal word?