

A. Put the time expressions in the correct category.

the day before yesterday already recently yesterday when I was a child
 several times a week (month, year) ago in the last year for
 so far two days (weeks, months) ago since many times in (2005)
 last week (month, year) yet last weekend (Monday, night)

Past Simple Time Expressions	Present Perfect Time Expressions

B. Read the story and underline the correct present perfect or past simple form of the verbs.

I was born to be a world explorer. When I was a child, (1) I *was / have been* fascinated by the world's mysteries. I used to pack a small bag and pretend to travel to different areas of my neighbourhood. Then, 20 years ago, (2) I *dreamed / have dreamed* that I was flying freely in the sky, looking down at the world's beauty. That dream (3) *was / has been* the start of something new. Since then, (4) I *became / have become* obsessed with finding unique and mysterious places. For the last 20 years, travelling the world (5) *was / has been* my mission in life. So far, (6) I *visited / have visited* 70 countries. In the last year, I (7) *visited / have visited* places like Niagara Falls, the Colosseum in Rome and the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. (8) I *went / have been* to most countries in Europe, except France and Portugal. Last month, I (9) *thought / have thought* about visiting Portugal when I was in Spain, but I ran out of time. I (10) *saw / have seen* the seven wonders of the modern world many times. About five years ago, (11) I *went / have been* to the Grand Canyon. It's the biggest canyon in the world. This experience (12) *was / has been* particularly special to me because (13) I *went / have been* alone and camped out in the canyon. (14) I *saw / have seen* the various colours of the canyon as well as some unique wildlife. Recently, (15) I *was / have been* curious to see the Aurora Borealis, but unfortunately (16) I *didn't see / haven't seen* it yet.



C. Complete the present perfect and past simple sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I (work) at that company five years ago.
2. He (not travel) at all in the last year.
3. We (move) out of our childhood house when I (be) in high school.
4. Recently, I (take) up photography. It's a great hobby.
5. We (not go) to the cinema for two months. The last time we (go) was in January.
6. She (not leave) for work yet. She's going to be late.
7. I (see) that movie six times in the last month.
8. Emma (like) that band since she (be) a teenager.
9. Simon (arrive) in Bangkok a week ago.
10. The army (attack) the city several times.

D. Complete the sentences with true information about yourself in the past simple or present perfect, according to the time expression in each sentence.

1. Yesterday,
2. In the last year,
3. When I was a child,
4. yet.
5. Recently,
6. Last month,
7. The day before yesterday
8. many times.
9. In 2018,
10. several times.
11. So far
12. two weeks ago.