

The present perfect and the simple past

Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect or the simple past tense.

1. This is my house. How long **have** you **lived** here? I **have lived** here since 1970.
2. He **lived** in London for two years and then **went** to Edinburgh.
3. **Did** you **wear** your hair long when you were at school? Yes, my mother **insisted** on it.
4. But when I **left** school I **cut** my hair and **have worn** it short ever since.
5. Shakespeare **wrote** a lot of plays.
6. My brother **has written** several plays. He **has** just **finished** his second tragedy.
7. I **flew** over Loch Ness last week. **Did** you **see** the Loch Ness monster?
8. I **have not seen** him for three years. I wonder where he is.
9. He **has not smoked** for two weeks. He is trying to give it up.
10. Chopin **composed** some of his music in Majorca.
11. When **did** he **arrive**? He **arrived** at 2.00.
12. **Did** you **lock** the door before you left the house?
13. I **read** his books when I was at school. I **enjoyed** them very much.
14. I can't go out because I **have not finished** my work.
15. I **have** never **drunk** whisky. Well, have some now.
16. I **have written** the letter but I can't find a stamp.
17. Here are your shoes; I **have** just **cleaned** them.
18. I **left** home at 8.00 and **got** here at twelve.
19. I **did** this sort of work when I **was** an apprentice.
20. He **has** just **gone** out.
21. He **went** out ten minutes ago.
22. **Have** you **had** breakfast yet? -Yes, I **had** it at 8.00.
23. I **met** him last June.
24. **Did** you **see** the moon last night?