

### Simple past or present perfect?

This grammar exercise tests your understanding of past simple and present perfect tenses. Complete the following sentences using an appropriate tense form. Each question is followed by two suggested answers. Choose the most appropriate one.

1. I ..... in this city when I was a child.

lived

have lived

2. Nobody ..... him since yesterday.

saw

has seen

3. 'Where is John?' 'He ..... here ten minutes ago.'

was

has been

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4. He ..... last year.

died

has died

5. She ..... since she left school.

was unemployed

has been unemployed

6. They ..... the contract last week.

signed

have signed

7. The film ..... yet.

has not been released

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was not released

8. She ..... ill since she returned from Malaysia.

has been

was

9. I ..... your brother yesterday.

met

have met

10. Look. Somebody ..... their umbrella behind.

left

has left

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### Answers

1. I lived in this city when I was a child.
2. Nobody has seen him since yesterday.
3. 'Where is John?' 'He was here ten minutes ago.'
4. He died last year.
5. She has been unemployed since she left school.
6. They signed the contract last week.
7. The film has not been released yet.
8. She has been ill since she returned from Malaysia.
9. I met your brother yesterday.
10. Look. Somebody has left their umbrella behind.