

SIMPLE PAST

finished action

specific time in the past

yesterday

last _____

_____ ago

when

in my country

in my last job

PRESENT PERFECT:

have + past participle

started in the past & continues to the present

I have lived here for 5 years.

happened at some point in the past—not specified

I have eaten sushi many times.

repetition from past to present

I have made 5 calls today.

since + beginning time [since June / since 1990]

+ past tense clause [since I moved here / since I was a child]

I have worked hard since I moved here.

I have worked in a hospital since 1994.

for + duration [for 5 years / for 30 minutes / for a long time]

I have worked in a hospital for 12 years.

already [+] I have already eaten dinner.

yet [? / -] I haven't eaten dinner yet. / Have you eaten dinner yet?

never I have never gone to China.

Ever [?] Have you ever gone to China?

Always I have always wanted to go to China.

How long How long have you studied English?

How many How many times have you gone to San Francisco this week?

How much How much money have you spent today?

