

# I've lost my key. I lost my key last week. (present perfect and simple past 3)

**A**

Sometimes you can use the *present perfect* (I **have lost** / he **has gone**, etc.) or the *simple past* (I **lost** / he **went**, etc.).

- “Is Peter here?” “No, he’s **gone** home.” or “No, he **went** home.”

But with a finished time (**yesterday** / **last week**, etc.), we use only the simple past (not the present perfect).

*simple past* + *finished time*

<b>We arrived</b>	yesterday.
	last week.
	at 3:00.
	in 2002.
	six months ago.



Do *not* use the present perfect (**have arrived** / **have done** / **have been**, etc.) with a finished time:

- I **saw** Paula **yesterday**. (*not* I have seen)
- Where **were** you **on Sunday afternoon**? (*not* Where have you been)
- We **didn't take** a vacation **last year**. (*not* We haven't taken)
- “What **did** you **do last night**?” “I **stayed** at home.”
- William Shakespeare **lived from 1564 to 1616**. He **was** a writer. He **wrote** many plays and poems.

Use the simple past to ask **When . . . ?** or **What time . . . ?**

- **When did** you **buy** your computer? (*not* When have you bought?)
- **What time did** Andy **go out**? (*not* What time has Andy gone out?)

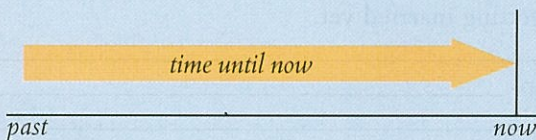
**B**

Compare:

*Present perfect or simple past*

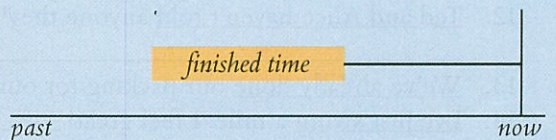
- I **have lost** my key. or I **lost** my key. (= I can't find it *now*)
- Ben **has gone** home. or Ben **went** home. (= he isn't here *now*)
- **Have you had** lunch? or **Did you have** lunch?
- The letter **hasn't arrived** yet. or The letter **didn't arrive** yet.

*Present perfect only*



- **Have you ever been** to Spain? (= in your life, until *now*)
- My friend is a writer. He **has written** many books.
- The letter **hasn't arrived** yet.
- We've **lived** in Boston for six years. (= we live there *now*)

*Simple past only*



- **Did you go** to Spain **last year**?
- William Shakespeare (1564-1616) **wrote** many plays and poems.
- The letter **didn't arrive** yesterday.
- We **lived** in Chicago for six years, but now we live in Boston.



## 21.1 Complete the answers to the questions.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have you had lunch?</li> <li>2. Have you started your new job?</li> <li>3. Have your friends arrived?</li> <li>4. Has Sarah gone out?</li> <li>5. Have you worn your new suit?</li> </ol> | <p>Yes, <u>I had it</u> an hour ago.</p> <p>Yes, I _____ last week.</p> <p>Yes, they _____ on Friday.</p> <p>Yes, _____ at 5:00.</p> <p>Yes, _____ yesterday.</p> |
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## 21.2 Are these sentences OK? Correct the verbs that are wrong. (The verbs are underlined.)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I've <u>lost</u> my key. I can't find it.</li> <li>2. <u>Have you seen</u> Kate yesterday?</li> <li>3. <u>I've finished</u> my work at 2:00.</li> <li>4. I'm ready now. <u>I've finished</u> my work.</li> <li>5. What time <u>have you finished</u> your work?</li> <li>6. Sue isn't here. <u>She's gone</u> out.</li> <li>7. Steve's grandmother <u>has died</u> two years ago.</li> <li>8. Where <u>have you been</u> last night?</li> </ol> | <p><u>OK</u></p> <p><u>Did you see</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |
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## 21.3 Put the verb in the present perfect or past.

1. My friend is a writer. He has written (write) many books.
2. We didn't take (not / take) a vacation last year.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis yesterday afternoon.
4. What time \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) to bed last night?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / ever / meet) a famous person?
6. The weather \_\_\_\_\_ (not / be) very good yesterday.
7. Kathy travels a lot. She \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) many countries.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) off the light before leaving this morning.
9. I live in New York now, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Mexico for many years.
10. "What's Peru like? Is it beautiful?" "I don't know. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / be) there."

## 21.4 Put the verb in the present perfect or past.

1. A: Have you ever been (you / ever / be) to Florida?  
 B: Yes, we went (go) there on vacation two years ago.  
 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / have) a good time?  
 B: Yes, it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) great.
2. A: What does your friend do?  
 B: She's a painter. She \_\_\_\_\_ (win) many prizes for her paintings.  
 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / see) any of her paintings?  
 B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) some of her work last week.
3. Rose works in a factory, but she \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a lot of different jobs.  
 Five years ago she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a waitress in a restaurant. After that, she  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on a ranch, but she \_\_\_\_\_  
 (not / enjoy) it very much.
4. A: Do you know Martin's sister?  
 B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) her a few times, but I \_\_\_\_\_  
 (never / speak) to her. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / ever / speak) to her?  
 A: Yes. I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her at a party last week. She's very nice.