

ENGLISH GRAMMAR PRACTICE

Topic: Unit 20 — Present Perfect vs. Past Simple (Indian Context)

20.1 Use the words in brackets (...) to answer the questions.

1. Have you seen Priya? (5 minutes ago) → Yes, I saw her 5 minutes ago.
2. Have you started your new job? (last week) → Yes, I started last week.
3. Have your friends arrived? (at 5 o'clock) → Yes, they arrived at 5 o'clock.
4. Has Rohan gone away? (on Friday) → Yes, he went away on Friday.
5. Have you worn your new shoes? (yesterday) → Yes, I wore them yesterday.

20.2 Right or wrong? Correct the verbs that are wrong. (The verbs are underlined.)

1. I've lost my key. I can't find it. → RIGHT
2. Have you seen Priya yesterday? → WRONG: Did you see Priya yesterday?
3. I've finished my work at 2 o'clock. → I finished my work at 2 o'clock.
4. I'm ready now. I've finished my work. → I finished my work.
5. What time have you finished your work? → Did you finish your work at what time?
6. Rohit isn't here. She's gone out. → He's gone out.
7. Amit's grandfather has died in 1995. → Amit's grandfather died in 1995.
8. Where have you been last night? → Where were you last night?

20.3 Put the verb in the present perfect or past simple.

1. My friend is an author. He has written (write) many books.
2. We didn't have (not/have) a holiday last year.
3. I played (play) badminton yesterday.
4. What time did you go (you/go) to bed?
5. Have you ever met (you/ever/meet) a celebrity?
6. The weather was (not/be) very good yesterday.
7. My hair is wet. I washed (just/wash) it.
8. I washed (wash) my hair before breakfast.
9. Neha travels a lot. She has visited (visit) many states.
10. 'Is Rohit here?' 'No, he hasn't come (not/come) yet.'

20.4 Put the verb in the present perfect or past simple.

1. A: Have you ever been (you/ever/be) to Goa?

B: Yes, we went (go) there on holiday two years ago.

A: Have you had (you/have) a good time?

B: Yes, it was (be) great.

2. A: Where's Rahul? Has he seen (you/see) him?

B: Yes, he went (go) out a few minutes ago.

A: And Priya? B: I don't know. I haven't seen (not/see) her.

3. Sunita works in a bank. She has worked (work) there for six months.

Before that she was (be) a waitress. She worked (work) there for two years

but she didn't enjoy (not/enjoy) it much.

4. A: Do you know Rohit's sister?

B: Yes, I have seen (see) her a few times but I haven't spoken (never/speak) to her.

A: Yes, I have spoken (you/ever/speak) to her?

A: Yes, I met (meet) her last week.