

LESSON 55

284 Present perfect

before/up to now

he has lived here for
two months

Past simple

specific past time

he came here two
months ago

The difference between the present perfect and the past simple is that we use the present perfect when we are thinking about time before or up to now, whereas we use the past simple when we are thinking about a specific past time. For example, "I have been here for twenty minutes; I arrived here twenty minutes ago".

What's the difference between the present perfect and the past simple?

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Give me an example of each, please.

I have been here for twenty minutes; I arrived here twenty minutes ago

Has the spring (or summer etc.) ended?

Yes, the spring (or summer etc.) has ended

When did it end?

It ended on ...

How long have you studied at this school?

I've studied at this school for ...

285 When did you start your lessons at this school?

I started my lessons at this school ... ago

Have you been to the cinema this year?

Yes, I've been to the cinema this year ~ No, I haven't been to the cinema this year

When was the last time you went to the cinema?

The last time I went to the cinema was ...

Have you written any dictations this week? Yes, I've written some dictations this week ~ No, I haven't written any dictations this week

Did you write a dictation yesterday? Yes, I wrote a dictation yesterday ~ No, I didn't write a dictation yesterday

wild

Are horses wild animals? Some horses are wild animals

branch

What do we call the arms of a tree? We call the arms of a tree "branches"

Does your bank have a branch near here? Yes, my bank has a branch near here ~ No, my bank doesn't have a branch near here

bridge

Are there any bridges over the river in Paris? Yes, there are some bridges over the river in Paris

286 egg

About how many eggs do you eat a week? I eat about ... eggs a week

push

pull

What am I doing? You're pushing the table

What am I doing? You're pulling the table

Do you push this door to go out of the classroom? Yes, I push that door to go out of the classroom ~ No, I don't push that door to go out of the classroom; I pull it

Is this table too heavy for you to pull into the next room?

Yes, that **table**'s too heavy for me to pull into the next room ~ No, that **table** isn't too heavy for me to pull into the next room

interest

bore

What subject interests you the most?

... interests me the most

What subject bores you the most?

... bores me the most

287 interesting interested boring bored

Do you think football's an interesting sport?

Yes, I think **football**'s an interesting sport ~ No, I don't think **football**'s an interesting sport; I think it's a boring sport

Are you interested in the history of your country?

Yes, I'm interested in the history of my country ~ No, I'm not interested in the history of my country

Do you get bored if you have nothing to do?

Yes, I get bored if I have nothing to do ~ No, I don't get bored if I have nothing to do

between

among

science

The difference between "between" and "among" is that we generally use "between" for two people or things, whereas we use "among" for more than two people or things. For example, "Between the two subjects of history and geography, I prefer geography", and "Among all the subjects I study (or studied) at school, I like (or liked) science the most".

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Give me an example of each, please.

I'm sitting between the teacher and the window.
I'm sitting among the other students.

Is there anybody sitting between you and me? Yes, there's somebody sitting between you and me ~ No, there isn't anybody sitting between you and me

288 Among all the subjects you study (or studied) at school, which do (or did) you think is (or was) the most boring? Among all the subjects I study (or studied) at school, I think (or thought) ... is (or was) the most boring

Among all the places you've ever been to, which do you think is the ugliest? Among all the places I've ever been to, I think ... is the ugliest

Among all the things in this room, are any yours? Yes, among all the things in this room, some are mine



Dictation 31

The opposite of heaven is hell./ The poor dog is shaking with cold./ The public killed the queen./ Can you show me the way/ to the station, please?/ Our bodies contain a lot of blood./ Many teenagers don't like/ wearing a uniform for school./ Their glasses are full of water./ How do we form the past tense/ of regular verbs?/ We add the letters "ed"./ How often/ do you walk along/ this street?/ This way is the quickest./ I agree that smoking/ is bad for the health.