## I have done and I did (present perfect and simple past 1)

A



His car is dirty.



He is washing his car.



He has washed his car. (= his car is clean now)



They are at home.



They are going out.



They have gone out. (= they are not at home now)

В

We use the present perfect for an action in the past with a result now:

- I've lost my passport. (= I can't find my passport now)
- "Where's Rebecca?" "She's gone to bed." (= she is in bed now)
- We've bought a new car. (= we have a new car now)
- It's Rachel's birthday tomorrow, and I haven't bought her a present.
  (= I don't have a present for her now)
- "Bob is away on vacation." "Oh, where has he gone?" (= where is he now?)
- Have you met my brother, or should I introduce you?
- I was a very slow typist in college, but I've gotten faster.

Usually you can also use the simple past (he washed / I lost, etc.) in these situations. So you can say:

- "Where's your key?" "I've lost it." or "I lost it."
- "Is Peter here?" "No, he's gone home." or "He went home."
- We've bought a new car. or We bought a new car.

C

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

- I lost my key yesterday. (not I have lost)
- We bought a new car last week. (not we have bought)

## **Exercises**

## 19.1 Look at the pictures. What has happened? Use the present perfect. Choose from:

go to bed wash her car stop raining close the door fall down take a shower before 1. She has washed her car. 2. He \_\_\_\_\_\_ . Strictly prohibited. 4. 6. Rewrite the sentences that have underlined verbs. Use the present perfect. 1. Lee Ming isn't here. He went home. He has gone home. 2. I don't need to call them. I wrote them a letter. 3. Karen's not coming to the party. She broke her arm. 4. My brother and his wife don't live here any more. They moved to Seattle. 5. I made a big mistake. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I lost my wallet. Did you see it anywhere? 7. Did you hear? \_\_\_\_\_ Mark got married. \_\_\_\_\_ Now rewrite these present perfect sentences in the simple past. 8. I've done the shopping. I did the shopping. 9. Brian has taken my bike again without asking. 10. Have you told your friends the good news? \_\_\_\_\_ 11. We haven't paid the electric bill.