Present Perfect vs Past Simple exercises with answers

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the right option

Tom _____ his car for ten years, and it still works well.

a) has b) has had c) is having

2. Choose the right option

I've had this phone _____ two years.

a) from b) since c) for

3. Choose the right option

How long has your brother _____ in Spain?

a) lived b) live c) lives

4. Choose the right option

We've had this bike _____ three years.

a) since b) ago c) for

5. Choose the right option

I _____ Tom yesterday.

a) saw b) have seen c) see

6. Choose the right option

My parents _____ married for 30 years.

a) have been b) has been c) are

7. Choose the right option

Tom has lived in Paris _____ 2018.

a) since b) for c) from

8. Choose the right option

How long _____ Tom been a doctor? For five years.

a) is b) have c) has

9. Fill in the gaps

Anna _____ here two years ago, so she has lived here _____ two years.

Words: for / has come / came / since / ago

10. Put the words in order

Ask when your friend got this bike

buy / bike / you / did / bought / have / When / this

Not all words are needed.

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11. Put the words in order

Say she became a doctor long ago and still is

She / years / been / a / for / have / has / is / doctor

Not all words are needed.

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12. Choose the right option

Maria has worked in this shop _____ last summer.

a) from b) since c) for

13. Fill in the gaps

How long _____ Anna _____ her car?

Words: had / has / does / did

14. Put the words in order

You got this flat a year ago. Say how long

a / had / since / for / I've / flat / ago / this / year

Not all words are needed.

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15. Choose the right option

Have you ever been to Rome? Yes, I _____ there in 2019.

a) have been b) have gone c) went

16. Choose the right option

Tom _____ to London five years ago.

a) moves b) moved c) has moved

17. Choose the right option

When _____ Tom?

a) have you met b) you met c) did you meet

Answers

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1. **has had**

   Tom got the car ten years ago and still has it. So we use *has had*, not *has*.

2. **for**

   Two years is a period of time, so we use *for*. *Since* and *from* come before a starting point.

3. **lived**

   After *has* we use the past participle: *lived*, not *live*.

4. **for**

   We still have the bike, so we say how long: *for*. We use *since* before a starting point, *ago* with the Past Simple.

5. **saw**

   Yesterday is a finished time, so we use the Past Simple: *saw*, not *have seen*.

6. **have been**

   They are still married, so we use *have been*, not *are*. *My parents* = *they*, so *have*, not *has*.

7. **since**

   2018 is the starting point. With the Present Perfect we show it with *since*, not *from*. *For* comes before a period of time.

8. **has**

   Tom = *he*, so we use *has*, not *have*. We don't put *is* before *been*.

9. **came ... for**

   Two years ago shows when, so we use the Past Simple: *came*. She still lives here, and *two years* is a period of time: *for*, not *since*.

10. **When did you buy this bike?**

    With *When* we ask about a time, so we use the Past Simple: *did you buy*. After *did* we use the infinitive *buy*, not *bought*.

11. **She has been a doctor for years.**

    She is still a doctor, so we use *has been*, not *is*. With *she* we use *has*.

12. **since**

    Last summer is the starting point, not a period of time. With the Present Perfect we show a starting point with *since*, not *from*.

13. **has ... had**

    Anna still has the car, so we use *has* and the past participle *had*, not *does*.

14. I've had this flat for a year.

You still have the flat, so we use the Present Perfect with *for*. We use *since* before a starting point, *ago* with the Past Simple.

15. went

In 2019 is a finished time, so we use the Past Simple: *went*, not *have been*.

16. moved

Five years ago shows when it happened, so we use the Past Simple: *moved*, not *has moved*.

17. did you meet

With *When* we ask about a time, so we use the Past Simple: *did you meet*, not *have you met*. In the question, *did* comes before *you*.