

Year 4 Present Perfect or Simple Past – Guidance for Parents/Carers

Activity:

The aim of this activity is for children to practise using and recognising how to use the simple past and the present perfect tense. There are three questions to complete. The first two questions allow children to practise the skill, while the third question extends them as they have to apply their learning to get the answer.

Vocabulary:

Simple present tense is used to describe when an action is happening right now, or habitual actions or occurrences.

Simple past tense is used to describe an action that has started and ended in a time before now. For example: I **walked** the dog.

Present perfect tense is used to talk about experiences that are not time specific, an action that has started in the past but has an outcome in the present, or an action that has started in the past and is continuous up until the present. It is formed by using the present tense of the verb 'have' plus a past participle, for example: I **have been** to Spain.

Other resources:

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1.

<u>Simple present</u>	<u>Present perfect</u>	<u>Simple past</u>
waste	has/have wasted	wasted
take	has/have taken	took
clean	has/have cleaned	cleaned
know	has/have known	knew
fill	has/have filled	filled

2. A. Jacob and Dan threw the rubbish away.

B. Year 4 showed the school their class project in assembly.

C. Olivia has seen her friend Freya at the ice rink.

D. The pirate has found the treasure chest on the island.

3. Isaac is incorrect because 'light' in the simple past tense is 'lit'. The correct sentence is I lit a candle at the church altar.