

Application and Reasoning

Step 9: Present Perfect or Simple Past?

National Curriculum Objectives:

English (3G4.1b) Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play]

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Reasoning)

Developing Identify and explain which sentence is the odd one out. Sentences written in the present perfect and simple past tense using regular verbs only.

Expected Identify and explain which sentence is the odd one out. Sentences written in the present perfect and simple past tense using regular and irregular verbs taken from HFW lists and the Year 3/4 spelling list.

Greater Depth Identify and explain which sentence is the odd one out. Sentences written in the present perfect and simple past tense using a wider range of irregular verbs.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Write sentences in the present perfect and simple past tense using regular verbs. Word bank included for support.

Expected Write sentences in the present perfect and simple past tense using irregular verbs taken from HFW lists and the Year 3/4 spelling list.

Greater Depth Write sentences in the present perfect and simple past tense using a wider range of irregular verbs.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain if a statement about the tense of a sentence is correct. Sentences written in the present perfect and simple past tense using regular verbs only.

Expected Explain if a statement about the tense of a sentence is correct. Sentences written in the present perfect and simple past tense using regular and irregular verbs taken from HFW lists and the Year 3/4 spelling list.

Greater Depth Explain if a statement about the tense of a sentence is correct. Sentences written in the present perfect and simple past tense using a wider range of irregular verbs.

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1a. Which sentence is the odd one out?

1. The policeman worked all night.
2. That man has waited for an hour.
3. My sister brushed her hair.

Explain your reasoning.



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1b. Which sentence is the odd one out?

1. The race started without me.
2. Marie has helped me with my work.
3. The snowman has melted today.

Explain your reasoning.



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2a. Using the word bank, write one sentence in the present perfect tense and one in the simple past tense.

Present Perfect	Simple Past
has painted	painted



A

2b. Using the word bank, write one sentence in the present perfect tense and one in the simple past tense.

Present Perfect	Simple Past
has listened	listened



A

3a. Kai has written the sentence below:

I have looked in the cupboard.

He says,



My sentence is in the simple past tense.

Is Kai correct?

Explain your reasoning.



R

3b. Lila has written the sentence below:

I boiled some water in a pan.

She says,



My sentence is in the present perfect tense.

Is Lila correct?

Explain your reasoning.



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4a. Which sentence is the odd one out?

1. My brother woke me up at 5 o'clock this morning.
2. Charlotte booked a holiday to Spain for her family.
3. We have baked cupcakes with our gran for the party.

Explain your reasoning.



R

4b. Which sentence is the odd one out?

1. The children have sat down in their new places.
2. Alexa has collected the parcel from the post office.
3. Our company built 900 new homes this year.

Explain your reasoning.



R

5a. Using the verb below, write one sentence in the present perfect tense and one in the simple past tense.

draw



A

5b. Using the verb below, write one sentence in the present perfect tense and one in the simple past tense.

sing



A

6a. Isaac has written the sentence below:

I have threw the rubbish in the bin.

He says,



My sentence is in the present perfect tense.

Is Isaac correct?

Explain your reasoning.



R

6b. Kylie has written the sentence below:

My auntie make me a birthday cake.

She says,



My sentence is in the simple past tense.

Is Kylie correct?

Explain your reasoning.



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7a. Which sentence is the odd one out?

1. Timothy burnt the burgers and sausages on the barbecue.
2. Abi swam the first 100 metres with a very efficient stroke.
3. Studies have shown that high intensity interval training helps weight loss.

Explain your reasoning.



R

7b. Which sentence is the odd one out?

1. Anya fed the goat at the petting zoo with her sister.
2. My brother has hidden the power cable for the games console.
3. Ivanka and Simon have beaten us in the doubles tennis match.

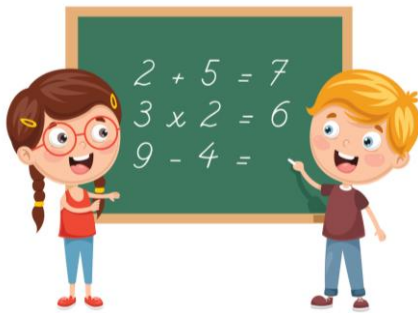
Explain your reasoning.



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8a. Using the verb below, write one sentence in the present perfect tense and one in the simple past tense.

teach



A

8b. Using the verb below, write one sentence in the present perfect tense and one in the simple past tense.

study



A

9a. Greg has written the sentence below:

My dad has forgave me for being rude.

He says,



My sentence is in the present perfect tense.

Is Greg correct?

Explain your reasoning.



R

9b. Rosie has written the sentence below:

I lighted a candle at the church altar.

She says,



My sentence is in the simple past tense.

Is Rosie correct?

Explain your reasoning.



R

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Developing

1a. Sentence 2 is the odd one out because it has been written in the present perfect tense. Sentences 1 and 3 are in the simple past tense.

2a. Various answers, for example: Present Perfect – Mia has painted a picture at school. Simple Past – Sam painted a picture of a tree.

3a. Kai is incorrect because he has written 'have' before 'looked' so his sentence is in the present perfect tense.

Expected

4a. Sentence 3 is the odd one out because it has been written in the present perfect tense. Sentences 1 and 2 are in the simple past tense.

5a. Various answers, for example: Present Perfect – Jordan has drawn a picture of his house. Simple Past – Jess drew a picture for her dad.

6a. Isaac is incorrect because 'throw' in the present perfect tense is 'thrown'.

Greater Depth

7a. Sentence 3 is the odd one out because it has been written in the present perfect tense. Sentences 1 and 2 are in the simple past tense.

8a. Various answers, for example: Present Perfect – Mrs Gregory has taught us for two years. Simple Past – My mum taught me to be kind to others.

9a. Greg is incorrect because 'forgive' in the present perfect tense is 'forgiven'.

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Developing

1b. Sentence 1 is the odd one out because it has been written in the simple past tense. Sentences 2 and 3 are in the present perfect tense.

2b. Various answers, for example: Present Perfect – Jake has listened to their new song. Simple Past – Lily listened to the teacher.

3b. Lila is incorrect because she has not written 'have' before 'boiled' so her sentence is in the simple past tense.

Expected

4b. Sentence 3 is the odd one out because it has been written in the simple past tense. Sentences 1 and 2 are in the present perfect tense.

5b. Various answers, for example: Present Perfect – Melissa has sung in the choir for years. Simple Past – Katie sang the national anthem at the football match.

6b. Kylie is incorrect because 'make' in the simple past tense is 'made'.

Greater Depth

7b. Sentence 1 is the odd one out because it has been written in the simple past tense. Sentences 2 and 3 are in the present perfect tense.

8b. Various answers, for example: Present Perfect – I have studied English for many years. Simple Past – Bella studied for her Maths test.

9b. Rosie is incorrect because 'light' in the simple past tense is 'lit'.