

# Varied Fluency

## 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:

**Developing** Questions to support the recognition and use of the present perfect and simple past tense. Includes regular verbs only.

**Expected** Questions to support the recognition and use of the present perfect and simple past tense. Includes regular and irregular verbs taken from HFW lists and the Year 3/4 spelling list.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support the recognition and use of the present perfect and simple past tense. Includes a wider range of irregular verbs.

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Present Perfect or Simple Past?

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1a. Match the labels to the verbs.

Present Perfect

have looked

Simple Past

looked



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1b. Match the labels to the verbs.

Present Perfect

mixed

Simple Past

has mixed



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2a. Complete the table.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
pull	has _____	
fix	have _____	



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2b. Complete the table.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
act	have _____	
call	has _____	



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3a. True or false?

The sentence below is in the present perfect tense.

Jasmine has knocked on the door.



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3b. True or false?

The sentence below is in the simple past tense.

I played football with my cousin in the garden.



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4a. Complete the sentence to change the tense from simple past to present perfect.

Greg watched the new superhero movie.

Greg \_\_\_\_\_ the new superhero movie.



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4b. Complete the sentence to change the tense from simple past to present perfect.

Anthony cooked a delicious meal for me.

Anthony \_\_\_\_\_ a delicious meal for me.



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## Present Perfect or Simple Past?

5a. Match the labels to the verbs.

Present  
Perfect

forgot

Simple Past

has  
forgotten



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## Present Perfect or Simple Past?

5b. Match the labels to the verbs.

Present  
Perfect

have  
drawn

Simple Past

drew



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6a. Complete the table.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
take		
clean		



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6b. Complete the table.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
know		
fill		



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7a. True or false?

The sentence below is in the present perfect tense.

Jacob and Dan have thrown the rubbish away.



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7b. True or false?

The sentence below is in the simple past tense.

My friend has got a brand new computer game.



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8a. Complete the sentence to change the tense from simple past to present perfect.

Olivia saw her friend Freya at the ice rink.

Olivia \_\_\_\_\_ her friend Freya at the ice rink.



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8b. Complete the sentence to change the tense from simple past to present perfect.

The pirate found the treasure chest on the island.

The pirate \_\_\_\_\_ the treasure chest on the island.



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## Present Perfect or Simple Past?

9a. Match the labels to the verbs.

Present  
Perfect

bit

Simple Past

has bitten



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## Present Perfect or Simple Past?

9b. Match the labels to the verbs.

Present  
Perfect

have drunk

Simple Past

drank



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10a. Complete the table.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
freeze		
lose		



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10b. Complete the table.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
rise		
choose		



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11a. True or false?

The sentence below is in the present perfect tense.

The angry man shook the broken vending machine.



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11b. True or false?

The sentence below is in the simple past tense.

The burglar has fled the crime scene in a stolen car.



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12a. Complete the sentence to change the tense from simple past to present perfect.

Year 4 showed the school their class project in assembly.

Year 4 \_\_\_\_\_ the school their class project in assembly.



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12b. Complete the sentence to change the tense from simple past to present perfect.

Mrs Hill spoke to my mum at the school gate.

Mrs Hill \_\_\_\_\_ to my mum at the school gate.



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### Developing

1a. **Present Perfect – have looked; Simple Past – looked**

2a.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
pull	has <b>pulled</b>	<b>pulled</b>
fix	have <b>fixed</b>	<b>fixed</b>

3a. **True**

4a. **has watched**

### Expected

5a. **Present Perfect – has forgotten; Simple Past – forgot**

6a.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
take	<b>has/have taken</b>	<b>took</b>
clean	<b>has/have cleaned</b>	<b>cleaned</b>

7a. **True**

8a. **has seen**

### Greater Depth

9a. **Present Perfect – has bitten; Simple Past – bit**

10a.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
freeze	<b>has/have frozen</b>	<b>froze</b>
lose	<b>has/have lost</b>	<b>lost</b>

11a. **False, the sentence is in the simple past tense.**

12a. **have shown**

## Varied Fluency Present Perfect or Simple Past?

### Developing

1b. **Present Perfect – has mixed; Simple Past – mixed**

2b.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
act	have <b>acted</b>	<b>acted</b>
call	has <b>called</b>	<b>called</b>

3b. **True**

4b. **has cooked**

### Expected

5b. **Present Perfect – have drawn; Simple Past – drew**

6b.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
know	<b>has/have known</b>	<b>knew</b>
fill	<b>has/have filled</b>	<b>filled</b>

7b. **False, the sentence is in the present perfect tense.**

8b. **has found**

### Greater Depth

9b. **Present Perfect – have drunk; Simple Past – drank**

10b.

Simple Present	Present Perfect	Simple Past
rise	<b>has/have risen</b>	<b>rose</b>
choose	<b>has/have chosen</b>	<b>chose</b>

11b. **False, the sentence is in the present perfect tense.**

12b. **has spoken**