

# Past Simple vs. Present Perfect for Romance Language Speakers

Medium

B1 | Intermediate

Irregular verb

Negation

Past tense

Present tense

Verb

Verb tense

Perfect tense

Simple tense

1. Complete the friends' dramatic text message exchange about a terrible new roommate.

My new roommate is a disaster! She \_\_\_\_\_ three plates this week!

And the worst part? She \_\_\_\_\_ my favorite coffee mug yesterday morning!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) broke
- B) has broken
- C) break

**Blank 2**

- A) has dropped
- B) dropped
- C) droped

2. Help the detective review her notes. Select ALL the grammatically correct statements from the suspect's alibi.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) "I have visited my grandmother last Tuesday."
- B) "I visited my grandmother last Tuesday."
- C) "I haven't seen her since December."
- D) "I didn't see her since December."

3. Help the dramatic food critic finish his scathing restaurant review by choosing the correct verb for each blank.

I \_\_\_\_\_ many terrible restaurants in my life, but this one is the absolute worst! To make matters worse, the clumsy waiter \_\_\_\_\_ my hot soup directly onto my lap yesterday!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) visited
- B) have visited
- C) was visiting

**Blank 2**

- A) dropped
- B) has dropped
- C) is dropping

4. Help the detective complete her interrogation notes by selecting the correct verb forms.

"Tell me the truth, Mr. Smith. How many times \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris in your life?"

"I swear, Detective! I only \_\_\_\_\_ there once, last summer."

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) did you travel
- B) have you traveled
- C) you traveled

**Blank 2**

- A) have gone
- B) went
- C) go

5. Help the ancient vampire complain accurately to his therapist.

"I am so incredibly hungry! I \_\_\_\_\_ a decent meal since 1893!"

*Select one.*

- A) didn't have
- B) haven't had
- C) don't have
- D) wasn't having

6. Review this globetrotter's dating profile. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use English verb tenses to describe his culinary adventures.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) "I have eaten deep-fried tarantula in Cambodia in 2018."
- B) "I ate deep-fried tarantula in Cambodia in 2018."
- C) "I have tried almost every street food in Bangkok."
- D) "I have tried almost every street food when I lived in Bangkok."

7. Choose the correct verbs to complete this spooky conversation between two ghosts.

"I \_\_\_\_\_ this gloomy castle since 1492," the first ghost complained. "It's so boring now. The previous ghost \_\_\_\_\_ out exactly five centuries ago to find a nice apartment."

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) have haunted
- B) haunted
- C) haunt

**Blank 2**

- A) moved
- B) has moved
- C) moves

8. Complete the time-traveler's rather confusing diary entry.

I am stuck in 1899. I \_\_\_\_\_ my time machine's keys yesterday, and now I'm living in a barn with a very confused horse.

*Select one.*

- A) have lost
- B) lost
- C) lose
- D) was losing

9. Complete the clumsy spy's urgent message to headquarters by choosing the correct verb form for each gap.

Boss, I \_\_\_\_\_ the top-secret gadget! I am so sorry. I \_\_\_\_\_ it on the subway this morning while I was eating a bagel.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) have lost
- B) lost
- C) lose

**Blank 2**

- A) left
- B) have left
- C) leave

10. Choose the correct phrase to complete the alien tourist's postcard home.

Earth is exhausting! I \_\_\_\_\_ three human cities so far this week, and I still haven't found any good pizza.

*Select one.*

- A) visited
- B) visit
- C) have visited
- D) was visiting

11. Help the dramatic chef finish his kitchen meltdown by choosing the right tenses.

"I am a culinary genius! I \_\_\_\_\_ a flawless five-course meal for the Mayor in 2015!

But I \_\_\_\_\_ such a terrible, disgusting soup in my entire life!"

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) have cooked
- B) cooked
- C) cook

**Blank 2**

- A) never made
- B) have never made
- C) have never make

12. The intern is trying to reassure their stressed boss. Select ALL the grammatically correct updates they could send.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) "I finished the quarterly report two hours ago."
- B) "I have finished the quarterly report two hours ago."
- C) "I have already sent the presentation to the clients."
- D) "I already have sent the presentation yesterday."