

## QT-ESL Podcast No. 6

### The Simple Past vs. the Present Perfect

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

As you do the exercises orally, fill in the blanks when you hear these expressions or sentences in the recording. Please notice that all the exercises do not have gap-filling sections.

*Write down the words or the expressions on the recording suggesting a point in time that are usually associated with the simple past.*

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*Complete the following sentences:*

Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_.

Last week \_\_\_\_\_.

Last year \_\_\_\_\_.

At 2 o'clock \_\_\_\_\_.

When I was young \_\_\_\_\_.

When they shouted \_\_\_\_\_.

*Now, complete the following:*

At this moment I \_\_\_\_\_ a book.

Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ a book.

At this moment \_\_\_\_\_ the project.

Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ about the project.

At this moment \_\_\_\_\_ on a trip.

Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ on a trip.

At this moment I \_\_\_\_\_ afraid.

Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ afraid.

Complete using the present perfect tense:

- I \_\_\_\_\_ a book for two hours.  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ the project for two hours.  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ on a trip for two hours.  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ for my friend for two hours.  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ the piano for two hours.  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ afraid for two hours.

Complete these questions starting with "How long...?"

- How \_\_\_\_\_ reading?  
 How \_\_\_\_\_ thinking about the project?  
 How \_\_\_\_\_ waiting?  
 How \_\_\_\_\_ the piano?  
 How \_\_\_\_\_ here?  
 How \_\_\_\_\_ feeling afraid?

Complete the following:

- I \_\_\_\_\_ watching a film for two hours.  
 He \_\_\_\_\_ watching a film for two hours.  
 She \_\_\_\_\_ watching a film for two hours.

The final paragraph:

\_\_\_\_\_ have I been working \_\_\_\_\_ these exercises? I \_\_\_\_\_  
 working for \_\_\_\_\_ ten minutes. I have been \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ sentences. \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ not learn to \_\_\_\_\_  
 English. Now I \_\_\_\_\_ that learning a \_\_\_\_\_ is like \_\_\_\_\_ a sport. In a  
 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ practice the same \_\_\_\_\_ again and \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_. In language learning it is the \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_. You have to \_\_\_\_\_, repeating and \_\_\_\_\_ words and \_\_\_\_\_, until  
 you know them perfectly. It \_\_\_\_\_ time, but I know I am \_\_\_\_\_ at the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ moment, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ the English language!