40 The present perfect and the simple past

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Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect or the simple past tense. In some sentences the present perfect continuous (PEG 190) is also possible.

1 This is my house. ~
How long you (live) here? ~
I (live) here since 1970.
2 He (live) in London for two years and then (go) to Edinburgh.
3 You (wear) your hair long when you were at school? ~
Yes, my mother (insist) on it.
4 But when I (leave) school I (cut) my hair and (wear) it short ever since.
5 Shakespeare (write) a lot of plays.
6 My brother (write) several plays. He just (finish) his second tragedy.
7 I (fly) over Loch Ness last week. ~
You (see) the Loch Ness monster?
8 I (not see) him for three years. I wonder where he is.
9 He (not smoke) for two weeks. He is trying to give it up.
10 Chopin (compose) some of his music in Majorca.
11 When he (arrive)? ~
He (arrive) at 2.00.
12 You (lock) the door before you left the house?
13 I (read) his books when I was at school. I (enjoy) them very much.
14 I can't go out because I (not finish) my work.
15 I never (drink) whisky. ~
Well, have some now.
16 I (write) the letter but I can't find a stamp.
17 The clock is slow. ~
It isn't slow, it (stop).
18 Here are your shoes; I just (clean) them.
19 I (leave) home at 8.00 and (get) here at twelve.
20 I (do) this sort of work when I (be) an apprentice.
21 He just (go) out.
22 He (go) out ten minutes ago.
23 You (have) breakfast yet? ~
Yes, I (have) it at 8.00.
24 I (meet) him last June.
25 You (see) the moon last night?
26 The concert (begin) at 2.30 and (last) for two hours. Everyone (enjoy) it very much.
27 The play just (begin). You are a little late.
28 The newspaper (come)? ~
Yes, Ann is reading it.

29 The actors (arrive) yesterday and (start) rehearsals early this morning.
30 It (be) very cold this year. I wonder when it is going to get warmer.
31 Cervantes (write) *Don Quixote*.
32 We (miss) the bus. Now we'll have to walk.
33 He (break) his leg in a skiing accident last year.
34 Mr Pound is the bank manager. He (be) here for five years.
35 Mr Count (work) as a cashier for twenty-five years. Then he (retire) and (go) to live in the country.
36 You (be) here before? ~
Yes, I (spend) my holidays here last year. ~
You (have) a good time? ~
No, it never (stop) raining.

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Put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect or simple past tense. Fill the spaces by repeating the auxiliary used in the preceding verb.

You (see) Mary on Monday? ~
Yes, I . . .
Did you see Mary on Monday? ~
Yes, I did.

1 Where is Tom? ~
I (not see) him today, but he (tell) Mary that he'd be in for dinner.
2 I (buy) this in Bond Street. ~
How much you (pay) for it? ~
I (pay) £100.
3 Where you (find) this knife? ~
I (find) it in the garden. ~
Why you (not leave) it there?
4 I (lose) my black gloves. You (see) them anywhere? ~
No, I'm afraid I . . . . When you last (wear) them? ~
I (wear) them at the theatre last night. ~
Perhaps you (leave) them at the theatre.
5 Do you know that lady who just (leave) the shop? ~
Yes, that is Miss Thrift. Is she a customer of yours? ~
Not exactly. She (be) in here several times but she never (buy) anything.
6 He (leave) the house at 8.00. ~
Where he (go)? ~
I (not see) where he (go).