

ESL Worksheet: Past Simple & Present Perfect

Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentences

Q1 - He there when he was a child

- has lived
 lived

Q2 - I her since last year

- haven't seen
 didn't see

Q3 - They a few minutes ago

- left
 have left

Q4 - She unemployed since she left school

- has not been
 was not

Q5 - They the contract last week

- finalised
 have finalised

Q6 - The film yet

- hasn't started
 didn't start

Q7 - She ill since Thursday

- was
 has been

Q8 - I the project last night

- have finished
 finished

Q9 - Look- someone their handbag in the room

- left
 has left

Q10 - to Rome?

- Did you ever go
 Have you ever been

Q11 - I can't get into my house because I my keys

- lost
 have lost

Q12 - Nobody the phone when it rang

- answered
 has answered

Q13 - I up smoking last year

- gave
 have given

Q14 - You can't see her because she home

- has gone
 went

Q15 - to the United States?

- Did you ever go
 Have you ever been

Q16 - I never my grandmother as she died before I was born

- knew
 have known

Q17 - It's the first time I caviar

- ate
 have eaten

Q18 - The first time we was just the other day

- spoke
 have spoken

Q19 - It stinks in here; someone smoking

- was
 has been

Q20 - He's in hospital because he leg

- has broken
 broke

Q21 - I've known her since we at school together

- were
 have been

Q22 - It's ages since we

- spoke
 have spoken

Q23 - It's been ages since we from Dave

- have heard
 heard

Q24 - The last time I saw Fran ages ago

- was
 has been

Q25 - I from her lately

- haven't heard
 didn't hear

Q26 - I just the time to go to the cinema recently

- didn't have
 haven't had

Q27 - I just Meg and Brian at the party

- have seen
 saw

Q28 - I busy for the past fortnight

- was
 have been

Q29 - She away for the last two weeks

- has been
 was

Q30 - to the concert on Friday?

- Did you go
 Have you been

Q31 - This is the first time I here

- have been
 was

Q32 - I them since my schooldays

- have known
 knew

Q33 - He yet

- hasn't arrived
 didn't arrive

Q34 - They the contract yet

- didn't sign
 haven't signed

Q35 - The newspaper very successful lately

- hasn't been
 wasn't

Q36 - He during the war

- died
 has died

Q37 - I breakfast before leaving home this morning

- haven't had
 didn't have

Q38 - I a taxi so I came on the bus

- haven't found
 didn't find

Q39 - John's nervous because he such a difficult test before

- has never taken
 never took

Q40 - My stereo working last night

- stopped
 has stopped

Q41 - Two people at the game on Saturday

- were arrested
 have been arrested

Q42 - I a holiday for ages

- didn't have
 haven't had

Q43 - We out on Saturday night

- haven't gone
 didn't go

Q44 - I it last week

- bought
 have bought

Q45 - She hasn't here for ages

- been
 gone

Q46 - I to water-ski in 1993

- learnt
 have learnt

Q47 - She an absolute fortune last year

- has earned
 earned

Q48 - The weather dreadful for the whole two weeks we were there

was

has been

Q49 - No one to do it yet

has managed

managed

Q50 - I the dog for a walk because it was raining

haven't taken

didn't take

Q51 - I finished the exam in time yesterday

only just finished

have only just finished

Q52 - The weather dreadful at the weekend

has been

was