

Simple past or present perfect tense worksheet

Both the simple past and the present perfect tenses are used to talk about finished actions and situations. However, the present perfect cannot be used with time expressions referring to the past.

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate simple past or present perfect tense.

1. I her since she moved to Kolkata.

didn't meet

haven't met

2. The police the thieves yesterday.

arrested

have arrested

3. He voluntary retirement at the age of thirty-five.

took

has taken

4. The teacher the girl for her achievements.

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praised
has praised

5. When I the door, the cat
in.

opened, jumped
have opened, has jumped
opened, has jumped

6. This is where my mother her
childhood.

spent
has spent

7. You me a drink.

have never bought
has never bought
never bought

8. We a gold medal in Olympics.

never won

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have never won

9. I to New Zealand.

never went

have never been

10. He in 2005.

graduated

has graduated

Answers

1. I haven't met her since she moved to Kolkata.
2. The police arrested the thieves yesterday.
3. He took voluntary retirement at the age of thirty-five.
4. The teacher praised the girl for her achievements.
5. When I opened the door, the cat jumped in.
6. This is where my mother spent her childhood.
7. You have never bought me a drink.

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8. We have never won a gold medal in Olympics.

9. I have never been to New Zealand.

10. He graduated in 2005.