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Extra Practice Worksheet

LESSON 2: PRESENT PERFECT VS. SIMPLE PAST

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QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Have you ever looked for an internship online?	Yes, I have. I found my last internship online. No, I haven't.
Has he prepared his resume yet?	Yes, he has. He prepared it last night. No, he hasn't.
Have you worked in this kind of position before?	Yes, I have. I worked in the same position at my last company. No I haven't.

We use the present perfect tense to talk about something that has happened at some unspecified time in the past.

Ex: I **have worked** as a teacher (before).

We use the simple past to talk about something that happened at a defined time in the past. We can answer a present perfect question with the simple past if the answer refers to a specific time.

Ex: I **worked** as a teacher when I was younger.

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Part 1: Choose simple past or present perfect.

- She went for a job interview yesterday. went has gone
- He _____ for a lot of positions, but doesn't have a job, yet. applied has applied
- At her last job, she _____ the same position. had has had
- _____ full time at your last position? Did you work Have you worked
- They _____ in the field for many years. worked have worked
- She _____ the offer last week. accepted has accepted
- _____ the offer yet? Did she accept Has she accepted



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Part 2: Read the story. Complete the questions with **Has** or **Did**, and then answer them.

My name is Rosie Hassan. I'm 34 years old, and I have two children who are 3 and 9 years old. Before I had my kids, I worked as a technician for five years. I saw a job posting online last week, and I knew right away I wanted to apply. I have worked in this type of position before, but I haven't had a full-time position, yet. I'm looking forward to working full time now. I have seen similar jobs, but this job really feels like it is a good fit for me! I have wanted a job like this for a long time. I hope I get it!

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1. Has Rosie had children? Yes, she has.
2. _____ Rosie work as a technician? _____
3. _____ Rosie work as a technician for 3 years? _____
4. _____ Rosie see a job posting online? _____
5. _____ Rosie had a full-time job before? _____
6. _____ Rosie seen similar job postings? _____
7. _____ Rosie wanted a job like this? _____

Bonus Questions:

1. Is Rosie excited about this job? _____
2. Why is she excited about it? _____

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ANSWER KEY

Part 1:

- has applied
- had
- Did you work
- have worked
- accepted
- Has she accepted

Part 2:

- Did / Yes, she did.
- Did / No, she didn't. (She worked for 5 years.)
- Did / Yes, she did.

Bonus:

- Yes, she is.
- Answers will vary, but will include ideas like "this job feels like a good fit" and she hopes she gets it.

- Has / No, she hasn't.
- Has / Yes, she has.
- Has / Yes, she has.

TEACHER NOTES

How to use this worksheet:

- Review the Language Tools chart for this worksheet in Book 5L, Lesson 2. The focus of this lesson is contrasting simple past (a completed action at a specific time in the past) with present perfect (something that happened at some unspecified and indefinite time in the past; "from the past to now, something has happened."). Help students look for and underline the time words that signal which one to use (i.e., *last week* (simple past), *yet* (present perfect), *before* (present perfect)).
- Have the student(s) complete the worksheet on their own.
- Review the answers together.

Extension:

- Ask these questions to practice. Teachers, give your answers, too!
 - Have you ever visited another country? (Other than your home country and the country you are living in now.) What did you think of it?
 - Have you read any good books lately? (Or seen a good movie, or met any new people?) Tell more about it.
 - Have you made any new goals for yourself recently? How about past goals? Did you make past goals you were able to achieve?
 - Have you had an experience in your life that changed your perspective about life? Tell more about what that experience was like.
 - What new foods have you tried lately? When you were a child, were you a "picky" (selective, careful, fussy) eater or did you eat everything?
- Ask your student(s) to write about one of the questions above for an extra journal assignment.