

Present perfect and past simple

Choose the present perfect or past simple

1. I _____ (see) three police cars this morning.
2. After he _____ (arrive) home, he _____
(unpack) and _____ (go) to bed early.
3. A: What's wrong?
B: I _____ (break) a glass!
4. My grandparents only _____ (know) each other for a few
months before they _____ (get) married.
5. I _____ (be) in London for three years.
6. We _____ (see) Julie last night.
7. He _____ (be) a teacher before he _____
(become) a musician.
8. When the boss _____ (walk) into the room, we
_____ (know) someone was going to get fired.
9. The children _____ (break) a window in the school last week.
10. He _____ (see) that film last year.
11. Lucy _____ (break) her leg, so she can't come skiing.
12. Julie _____ (arrive)! Come and say hello!
13. They _____ (be) cold when they _____ (arrive)
home.
14. Jack _____ (break) his arm when he _____ (fall)
off a horse in 2005.

15. I _____ (know) about the problem for months, but I
_____ (not / find) a solution yet.

16. A: When _____ (you / arrive)?

B: At 10pm last night.

17. She _____ (be) a teacher for ten years.

18. How long _____ (you / know) Jill?

19. I _____ (see) the sea before.

20. A: Hello

B: Hi Mum, it's me. I just wanted to say I _____ (arrive) safely
and everything is fine.

Answers:

21. I've seen three police cars this morning.
22. After he arrived home, he unpacked and went to bed early.
23. A: What's wrong?
B: I've broken a glass!
24. My grandparents only knew each other for a few months before they got married.
25. I've been in London for three years.
26. We saw Julie last night.
27. He was a teacher before he became a musician.
28. When the boss walked into the room, we knew someone was going to get fired.
29. The children broke a window in the school last week.
30. He saw that film last year.
31. Lucy has broken her leg, so she can't come skiing.
32. Julie's arrived! Come and say hello!
33. They were cold when they arrived home.
34. Jack broke his arm when he fell off a horse in 2005.
35. I've known about the problem for months, but I haven't found a solution yet.
36. A: When did you arrive?
B: At 10pm last night.
37. She's been a teacher for ten years.
38. How long have you known Jill?
39. I have never seen the sea before.
40. A: Hello
B: Hi Mum, it's me. I just wanted to say I've arrived safely and everything is fine.