



## Past Simple vs. Present Perfect

I Put the verbs in the brackets into the Past Simple or the Present Perfect:

1. Jack ..... (live) in Boston for the past 15 years.
2. Janet ..... (work) for Smith and Brothers before she came to work for us.
3. I think Prague is amazing. Unfortunately, I ..... (be/never) there.
4. I ..... (work) in Italy for 5 years now. I ..... (begin) work as soon as I arrived.
5. I'm afraid I'm not hungry. I ..... (eat/already).
6. Maria lives in Boston. Before she ..... (move) here, she ..... (live) in Seattle for 3 years.
7. Peter ..... (go) to the Paris office last year. That means that he ..... (be) to Paris 3 times!
8. Just a moment, I ..... (not/think) of a good idea yet!

II Complete the text below with either the Past Simple or the Present Perfect Simple tenses of the verbs in brackets:

Before I give you more details about our latest product, let me tell you more about the company itself, primarily for those of you who \_\_\_\_\_ (not/do) business with us before.

Gadget Inc. specializes in smart watches and we \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the global leader since 2015, when GosmartX58 \_\_\_\_\_ (become) the top selling watch in its category. The company \_\_\_\_\_ (be founded) in 2013 by a group of young engineers and it quickly \_\_\_\_\_ (grew) to become the largest smart watch manufacturer in Britain. This change \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) over two years. In 2015, we \_\_\_\_\_ (launch) 20 products, with the GosmartX58 I spoke about earlier becoming the top selling watch.

Since this success, we \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to raise the bar many times and we \_\_\_\_\_ (introduce) numerous innovations over the years that are today seen as the production standard. What you all might find interesting is that the Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to expand our brand to cover an exciting range of new gadgets, but no information \_\_\_\_\_ (be made) public yet, so I cannot answer any questions about that. I can say, though, that careful plans \_\_\_\_\_ (be made) and some amazing experts \_\_\_\_\_ (be invited) to cooperate with our team on these projects.