

VERBAL FORMS

PRESENT

SIMPLE

Statement

BE+ING

Focus

HAVE+PP

Started in past
influence on
present

**HAVE+PP
+
BE+ING**

Combo of the two
aspects thus
beginning in the
past + influence
on present + focus
on the event

PAST

SIMPLE

Statement

BE+ING

Focus

HAD+PP

Past in the
past
=
pluperfect

**HAD+PP
+
BE+ING**

A
combination
of 2 aspects
thus started
at an
different
moment than
time of
speech and
focus

SIMPLE PAST VS PRESENT PERFECT (HAVE+PP)

SIMPLE PAST

You use the simple past to express **finished time**
- yesterday, last week, last year,
ten minutes ago, in 1999, when I
was a child, from 1995 to 2001

You use the simple past to ask
when...? or what time...?

PRESENT PERFECT

You use the present perfect to express **unfinished time**
- today, this week, this month,
this year, for+duration,
since+date, just, recently.

You often use the present
perfect with yet, not yet, never,
ever, already, until now, so far.

You use the present perfect with
"It is the first time (or X time)
something has happened"

EXERCISE:

FILL THE GAPS IN THE SENTENCES WITH THE VERB IN THE BRACKETS. USE **EITHER THE PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE OR THE SIMPLE PAST TENSE.**

A. I _____ ON A FARM IN 2003. (WORK)

B. I _____ ON A FARM SINCE 2004. (LIVE)

C. I _____ SIX PIGS THIS MONTH. (SELL)

D. I _____ THE PIGSTY YESTERDAY. (CLEAN)

E. I _____ THE NEWS ABOUT THE NEW PIG LAW FIVE MINUTES AGO. (HEAR)

F. IT _____ SUNNY AND WINDY TODAY. (BE)