Present perfect vs past simple

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Name: _____ Date: _____

1. I ___ the report yesterday.

have finished / finished / have finish

My answer: _____

2. She ___ three books so far this month.

has read / readed / had read

My answer: _____

3. ___ you ever visited Scotland?

Did / Have / Had have

My answer: _____

4. We ___ here in 2021.

have moved / move / moved

My answer: _____

5. I ___ him since Monday.

did not saw / have not seen / had not saw

My answer: _____

6. I ___ that film last Saturday.

have saw / saw / have seen

My answer: _____

7. She ___ here since 2022 and still lives here.

has lived / lived yesterday / has live

My answer: _____

8. ___ you ever ___ to Japan?

Did / been / Have / went / Have / been

My answer: _____

9. We ___ the museum in 2019.

have visit / visited / have visited

My answer: _____

10. Choose the sentence with a finished past time.

He sent the email ten minutes ago. / He has sent the email ten minutes ago. / He has send the email ten minutes ago.

My answer: _____

Answer key & explanations

1. **finished** — Yesterday is a finished past time, so use past simple.

2. **has read** — So far this month describes a period continuing up to now.

3. **Have** — Have you ever asks about experience up to now.

4. **moved** — In 2021 identifies a finished past time.

5. **have not seen** — Since Monday links a starting point to the present.

6. **saw** — Last Saturday is a finished past time, so use past simple.

7. **has lived** — Present perfect connects a starting point in the past with a situation continuing now.

8. **Have / been** — Have you ever been asks about experience up to now without a finished past time.

9. **visited** — In 2019 specifies a finished past period, requiring past simple here.

10. **He sent the email ten minutes ago.** — Ago locates the event in finished past time. Use sent, the past simple form.