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OET Writing – Present Perfect Simple

Starter

What are the missing words in these sentences?

Undergo = have something happen to / experience

1. Mr Bata **underwent** knee surgery in 2010.
2. Mr Bata **has undergone** knee surgery three times in his life.
3. Ms Abaca **has just taken** her medication.
4. Mrs Awan **visited** the clinic twice last year.
5. Mrs Awan **has visited** the clinic twice this year.
6. Ms Abaca **hasn't taken** her medication yet.

We use the Past Simple...

- to talk about past finished actions and we say when it happened
- to talk about actions that happened in a time period that is finished
- with time words like 'last week', 'six weeks ago', 'yesterday'

Present perfect simple =

He/she/it + has + past participle (3rd form)

I/we/you/they + have + past participle (3rd form)

We use the Present Perfect Simple...

- to talk about past actions and we don't say when it happened
- to talk about actions that happened in a time period which has not finished (from the past until now)
- to talk about recent actions which have an effect or result in the present
- with the adverbs 'just', 'already' and 'yet'
- with 'since' and 'for'

Why do we use the Present Perfect Simple in this sentence?

"The physiotherapist has advised Mr Jones to do gentle exercise once a day"

Practice:

Use Past Simple or Present Perfect Simple to complete the gaps

1. We **discharged** (discharge) Mrs Gemini from the hospital **last night**.
2. The doctor **has just finished** (finish) reviewing the patient's test results.
3. I **haven't examined** (not, examine) the patient **yet**, but I will do it soon.
4. The doctor **prescribed** (prescribe) antibiotics for the infection **two weeks ago**.
5. The nurse **has already administered** (administer) the medication, so the patient is resting now.
6. We **admitted** (admit) three new patients with respiratory issues **yesterday**.
7. **When did** you **see** (see) the patient for the first time?
8. The doctor **has taken** (take) the training course four times **this year**.
9. **When did** you **diagnose** (diagnose) him with diabetes?
10. He **has had** (have) multiple procedures **since** his diagnosis **last year**.