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OET Writing – Present Perfect Simple

Starter

What are the missing words in these sentences?

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 presented to** the clinic twice this year.
6. Ms Abaca **has not 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

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)
- with the adverbs 'just', 'already' and 'yet'

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

"The physiotherapist has advised Mr Jones to do gentle exercise once a day"
A past action has an impact or result in the present

Practice:

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.