



English Grammar Refresher for You

242-40660, Do, 17.00 – 18.00 Uhr, BildungsCampus Neuenhof, Raum B.0.01

1st Unit, Thursday, 10 October 2024

Homework: Present perfect or past tense?

Complete the sentences with a verb from the list below using the correct tense.

- inform
- exhibit
- not see
- become
- wait
- forget
- speak
- decide
- become
- finish

1. Yes, I know who you're talking about, but I _____ his name.
2. Do your customers know you're going away? Yes, I _____ them.
3. Where will you be staying during the tradeshow? _____ you _____?
4. Is Mr Parker in the office today? I think so, but I _____ him.
5. Have you completed that report yet? Yes, I _____ it yesterday.
6. I _____ with him every day lately.
7. We _____ at that show every year for five years now.
8. We _____ on the runway for more than two hours now. When will we finally take off?
9. Our marketing budget _____ quite tight this quarter.
10. Our marketing budget _____ quite tight last month.



1. have forgotten (the action occurred at some unspecified time in the past) –
2. have informed (action occurred at some unspecified time in the past) –
3. Have, decided (action occurred at some unspecified time in the past) –
4. have not seen/haven't seen (action occurred at some unspecified time in the past) –
5. finished (action occurred at a specific time in the past: simple past must be used) –
6. have been speaking (action has the meaning of lately) –
7. have exhibited (action has taken place several times in the past and may take place again) –
8. have been waiting (action started in the past and continues until now) –
9. has become (action expresses change over a specified time) –
10. became (action occurred at a specific time in the past: simple past must be used)

Fill in the indicated verb in the correct tense (past simple or present perfect).

1. I _____ (lose) my wallet last week. It looks like I _____ (lose) my wallet.
2. Annabelle _____ (never sleep) in a youth hostel, has she? Catherine _____ (never sleep) in a youth hostel when she was in Thailand.
3. No, thanks, I _____ (eat) at 12 and am not hungry. No, thanks, I _____ (already eat).
4. I _____ (think) about it all day and decided not to attend. I _____ (think) about it and have decided not to attend.
5. _____ (you pick up) that package from the post office yet? _____ (you pick up) that package from the post office?

Solutions:

1. lost, have lost
2. Has never slept, never slept
3. ate, have already eaten
4. have thought, thought
5. Have you picked up, did you pick up