

Grammar

Past Simple or Present Perfect?

This is the story of a friend of mine called Harry. Harry is a postman, and years ago he (1) **lived** / **has lived** in a small bedsit. The man who (2) **rented** / **has rented** the flat upstairs was a police officer named Charlie. Harry used to go to bed early because he (3) **has had** / **had to** be up early in the morning. Unfortunately, every evening Charlie (4) **would come** / **has come** home, take off his boots and drop them heavily on the floor. And every evening the noise of his boots hitting the floor would wake Harry in the room below.

So, one night Harry **waited** / **had waited** up for Charlie and stopped him on the stairs.

'Good evening. I wonder if I could have a word with you.'

'Charlie looked at Harry.

'I'm sorry, but do I know you? I (5) **never saw** / **have never seen** you before.'

'I live in this flat, directly below yours.'

'Oh, OK. Well, what can I do for you?' Charlie asked.

'I don't want to complain, but I (6) **didn't have** / **haven't had** a good night's sleep in months.'

'What has that got to do with me?' asked the police officer.

'Well, it's your boots. Every night for the last few months, you (7) **have come** / **came** home and dropped your boots on the floor and the noise wakes me up.'

'Oh, sorry about that,' said Charlie. 'I (8) **haven't done** / **didn't do** it on purpose. I will put them down quietly in future, I promise.'

The next night Harry (9) **went** / **has gone** to bed early as usual and (10) **has just fallen** / **had just fallen** asleep when Charlie the policeman (11) **came** / **has come** home. Charlie sat down on his bed, took off his right boot and dropped it heavily on the floor. Suddenly, he (12) **remembered** / **has remembered** his conversation with Harry.

'Oh dear!' he thought. 'I still haven't got out of the habit of throwing my boots on the floor!'

He then (13) **has taken** / **took off his** other boot and put it on the floor very gently without making a sound.

The following evening Harry again (14) **waited** / **has waited** on the stairs for Charlie.

'Goodness!' said Charlie. 'You look terrible! (15) **Didn't you sleep** / **Haven't you slept last night?**'

'No, I (16) **didn't** / **haven't**,' said Harry. 'I spent the whole night wide awake, waiting for the other boot to drop!'

Vocabulary

Choose the correct preposition

When I was young I was frightened *about* / *with* / *of* dark rooms.

My sister has been interested *in* / *about* / *by* plants and animals since she was very young.

A lot of people get very excited *of* / *about* / *in* football.

Students often get annoyed *about* / *with* / *of* difficult exams.

I feel really embarrassed *of* / *by* / *in* what I did yesterday. I've never done that before.

Choose the correct adjectives.

Have you always been *interesting* / *interested* in rock and roll?

I was really *boring* / *bored* in my history lesson and fell asleep.

It's quite an *exciting* / *excited* film, but I've seen it before.

Have you ever been *annoying* / *annoyed* by young children?

It was late when we got home and we were really *tiring* / *tired*.

My mother speaks very loudly. She's very *embarrassing* / *embarrassed*.

I felt *disappointing* / *disappointed* when she cancelled the party.

Adverbs of manner – Complete the chart

adjective	adverb	adjective	adverb
polite	politely	comfortable	comfortably
easy	easily	hard	hard
fast	fast	gentle	gently
carefully	carefully	angry	angrily

Choose the adjective or adverb to complete the sentences:

He came into the room and sat down *quick* / *quickly*.

I could swim *fast* / *fastly* a few years ago, but I'm a bit *slow* / *slowly* now.

She laughed *silent* / *silently* and walked out of the room.

He's just hurt his back so he can't dance very *good* / *well* at the moment.

I've just passed my exam but my grade wasn't very *good* / *well*.