

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 *lived / has lived* in a small bedsit. The man who *rented / had rented* the flat upstairs was a police officer named Charlie. Harry used to go to bed early because he *has had / had* to be up early in the morning. Unfortunately, every evening Charlie *used to 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 *woke / has woken* Harry in the room below.

So, one night Harry *has waited / waited* for Charlie and *has stopped / 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 *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 *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 *have come / came* home and dropped your boots on the floor and the noise wakes me up.'

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

The next night Harry *went / has gone* to bed early as usual and *has just fallen / had just fallen* asleep when Charlie the policeman *came / has come* home. Charlie *has sat / sat* down on his bed, *has taken / took* off his right boot and *has dropped / dropped* it heavily on the floor. Suddenly, he *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 *has taken / took* off his other boot and *has put / put* it on the floor very gently without making a sound.

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

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

'No, I *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
	politely	comfortable	
easy			hard
		gentle	
	carefully		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*.

