

Present perfect simple and past simple 2

Give me your teeth!

Your teeth **have just fallen** out. You look terrible. What do you do? Easy! You go to a dentist and get some false teeth. You're lucky somebody **has invented** them. Do you know what people did in the seventeenth century? There were two choices:

They **found** a dead man and **borrowed** his teeth, or they **looked** for a walrus and used the ivory from its tusks to make some teeth.

It isn't very nice, is it? But that's what happened before the invention of false teeth.



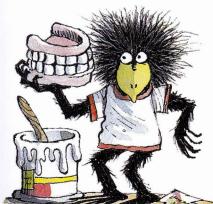
I Tick (✔) the correct boxes.

 In the seventeenth century, did false teeth exist?
 Yes □ No □

No \square

• Has somebody invented false teeth?

Yes \square





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Use the present perfect simple, NOT the past simple, to talk about things that happened a short time before now but that are still important now.

My teeth have just fallen out!

(It's important now. I haven't got any teeth.)

Use the past simple to talk about things that are finished.

My baby teeth fell out when I was three.

(This is a fact about the past. It isn't important now.)

Present perfect simple or past simple? Read the sentences and tick the boxes.

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	That man has found a walrus.		
1	He's made some false teeth!		
2	When did they invent false teeth?		
3	In 1675, false teeth didn't exist.		
4	Luckily somebody has invented them now.		

Present Past

RI	EMEMBER!
Tł	nis is the present perfect simple: This is terrible! I've just lost all my teeth.
	Nobody has invented false noses yet, have they? Have you already read that book?
Tł	nis is the past simple:
See	My teeth fell out when I was five. False teeth didn't exist in 1675. Did you see a walrus at the zoo yesterday? pages 216 and 217.
3	Write two sentences of your own in the present perfect simple and two in the past simple.
>	Oh, no! My front tooth has just fallen out.
	I read a good book yesterday.
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	EMEMBER! ②
Yo	ou can use these words with the present perfect simple:
	just, already, not yet, yet
	Oh, no! My teeth have just fallen out. I'm only twenty and I've already lost my teeth!
	Inventors haven't made flying cars yet.
	Has anybody invented unbreakable glasses yet?
4	Read the sentences. Tick the correct boxes.
	I've just dropped a glass.
	Did I drop the glass
	last week? \square a few seconds ago? \checkmark
1	My friend has already read this book.
	Has he read the book?
	Yes □ No □
2	Nobody has seen a real alien yet.
	Has anybody seen a real alien up to now?



Yes □ No □



5 Choose the present perfect simple or the past simple. Think very carefully!

▶ Dentists haven't	developed (develop	a way of saving b	ad teeth vet.
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- 1 In 1675, nobody (know) about electricity.
- 2 Televisions and radios (not / exist) then either.
- 4 your baby teeth (fall) out yet?
- 5 Mine (fall) out a long time ago.
- 6 Two hundred years ago people (steal) ivory from walruses!
- 7 They (make) false teeth out of the ivory.
- 8 Somebody just (discover) a way of drilling teeth with a laser. It's great! It doesn't hurt.
- 9 When I was younger I (hate) going to the dentist.



6 Read the diary. Fill in the gaps. Use the present perfect simple and the past simple. Think carefully!

It's the 26th of October. This is the worst day of my life.

My teeth ▶ have just fallen (fall) out.

They (1) (fall) out an hour ago.

Some of my hair (2) (come) out too.

I (3) (look) in the

mirror. I look very ugly! Nobody (4) (advise)

me what to do yet. My hairdresser (5) (leave)

the town last year and I don't know any dentists.

My friend Hamish (6) just

..... (tell) me that you can make false teeth from

walrus tusks. He says people used to do it a long time ago.

I wonder if it's true. I (7) already

.....(go) to the beach to look for a walrus.

Ten minutes ago, I (8) (notice) one on the

rocks, but when it saw me, it (9) (swim) into

the sea.

I don't think any of my neighbours (10) (see)

me yet. I'm going to hide away forever. No teeth, not much hair,

what a terrible day this is!

7 Work with a partner. Play this game. Partner A, say a sentence in the present perfect simple. Partner B, you're a show-off. You can do everything better than your friend. Say a sentence in the past simple. When you've each said five sentences, swap. Play the game like this:

- ► Partner A I've just found some dinosaur bones.
 - Partner B I found some dinosaur bones last week.
 - Partner A I've discovered a new planet.
 - Partner B I discovered a new planet three years ago.
 - Partner A I've just met an alien.
 - Partner B I met an alien when I was two.

