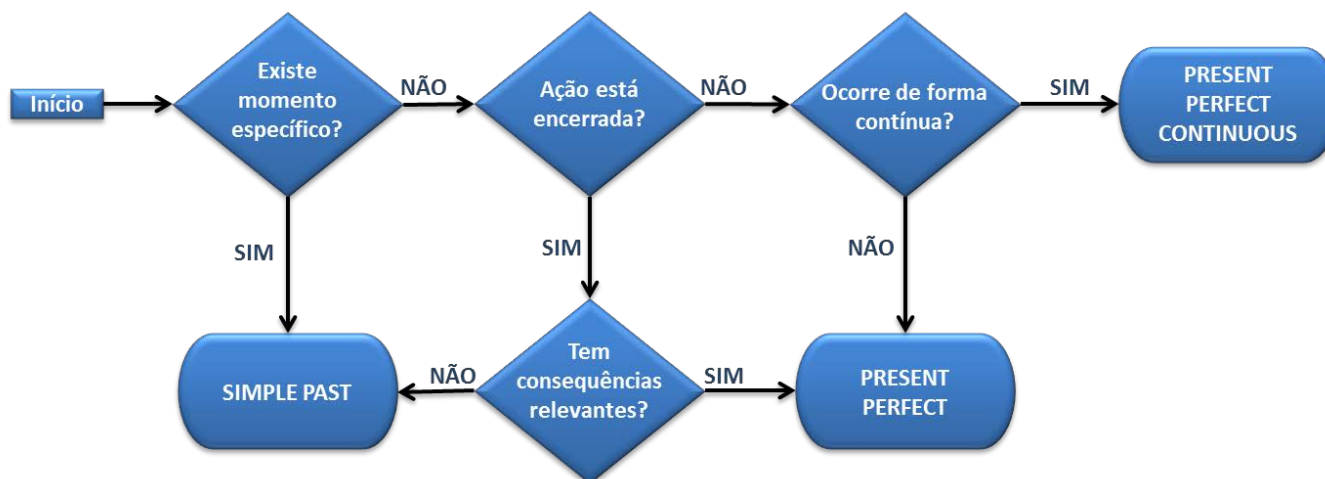


# Spark English - Simple Past and Present Perfect

O seguinte fluxograma auxilia a escolher logicamente quando usar o *simple past*, o *presente perfect* e o *presente perfect continuous*.



*Eu morei em São Paulo em 1998.*

Existe momento específico? Sim (1998).

Então: Simple Past.

→ I lived in São Paulo in 1998.

*Eu morei em São Paulo há muito tempo. Já não lembro mais de quase nada.*

Existe momento específico? Não.

Ação está encerrada? Sim (já não moro mais em São Paulo).

Tem conseqüências relevantes? Não (já não faz diferença eu ter morado lá).

Então: Simple Past.

→ I lived in São Paulo a long time ago. I remember nearly nothing.

*Eu já morei em São Paulo. Conheço bem aquela cidade.*

Existe momento específico? Não.

Ação está encerrada? Sim (já não moro mais em São Paulo).

Tem conseqüências relevantes? Sim (ainda conheço bem a cidade).

Então: Present Perfect.

→ I have lived in São Paulo. I know that city well.

*Gilberto Gil já gravou mais de 500 músicas.*

Existe momento específico? Não.

Ação está encerrada? Não (ele ainda grava novas músicas).

Ocorre de forma contínua? Não (ele grava uma música, para por um tempo, depois grava outra).

Então: Present Perfect.

→ Gilberto Gil has recorded more than 50 albums.

*Walt Disney Pictures tem trabalhado há mais de 5 anos em sua maior obra de animação.*

Existe momento específico? Não.

Ação está encerrada? Não (eles ainda estão trabalhando nessa obra).

Ocorre de forma contínua? Sim (é uma única obra na qual eles estão trabalhando continuamente).

Então: Present Perfect Continuous.

Walt Disney Pictures has been working for more than 5 years on it's greatest animation work.

## Exercises

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### 1. Choose the best option:

- a.
- My sister studied with your sister last year.
  - My sister has studied with your sister last year.
- b.
- Did Mr. Smith talk to you recently?
  - Has Mr. Smith talked to you recently?
- c.
- Doctors have discussed solutions for the new influenza in the last meeting.
  - Doctors discussed solutions for the new influenza in the last meeting.
- d.
- A cure for cancer has not yet been found.
  - A cure for cancer was not yet found.
- e.
- The secretary informed us about the new price list.
  - The secretary has informed us about the new price list.
- f.
- The secretary informed us this morning about the new price list.
  - The secretary has informed us this morning about the new price list.
- g.
- Greg! Good to see you! We didn't talk for a long time!
  - Greg! Good to see you! We haven't talked for a long time!

### 2. Complete the sentences with the Simple Past or the Present Perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.

- a. When was the first time you \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) a horse?
- b. How many times \_\_\_\_\_ (you / visit) your mother recently?
- c. How many times \_\_\_\_\_ (you / visit) your mother before she went to the hospital?
- d. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (you / call) me yesterday?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (you / need) anything important?
- e. I \_\_\_\_\_ (never / see) anything like this! It's really impressive.
- f. Oh, I'm sorry! I \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) you there! Are you okay?
- g. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not sleep) this well in months! What time  
\_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) to bed?
- h. I'm sorry. I can't help you with your French exercises. I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) French a long time ago.
- i. Do you need help with your German exercises? I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) German for a while.
- j. Do you need help with your German exercises? I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) German in 2010, so I still remember a few things.
- k. A: I'm looking for John. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / see) him?  
B: Yeah, as a matter of fact I have.  
A: When \_\_\_\_\_ (you / see) him?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him 30 minutes ago. I think he was going home.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (you / try) calling his mother?

## ANSWERS

### 1. Choose the best option

- a. i
- b. ii
- c. ii
- d. i
- e. ii
- f. i
- g. ii

### 2. Complete the sentences

- a. rode
- b. have you visited
- c. did you visit
- d. did you call / Did you need
- e. have never seen
- f. didn't see
- g. haven't slept / did you go?
- h. Studied
- i. have studied
- j. studied
- k. Have you seen / did you see / saw / Have you tried