

Teacher notes

Finished?

Language point

Present perfect and past simple tenses

Aim

To practise the use of expressions of time with the present perfect and past simple.

Activity

Students organize expressions of time into categories.

Organization

Pair work

Preparation

Make enough copies of the worksheet for the number of students in your class.

What do I do?

- 1 Hand out the worksheet.
- 2 In pairs, students organize the expressions of time into two groups, according to whether they are finished or unfinished time.
- 3 Feedback as a class, and review the difference between the use of finished time with past simple and unfinished time with present perfect.
- 4 Challenge students to make sentences about themselves using the expressions. Tell them that they must make two sentences which are true, and two which are false.
- 5 Divide students into small groups. Student A in each group chooses one sentence and reads it aloud. The rest of the group decide whether it is true or false.
- 6 Continue until students have read out all their sentences.

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FINISHED TIME

UNFINISHED TIME

this week

this millenium

10 years ago

6 days ago

THIS YEAR

WHEN I WAS A CHILD

this month

when I was younger

yesterday

last year

in my life

in 1996

in October

today

2 weeks ago

last July

LAST WINTER

this morning