

Thursday – Present Perfect or Simple Past?

1. Circle the missing verb or verbs for each of the sentences.

A. Ellie _____ her leg.

breaked

has broke

broken

has broken

B. Sam _____ a new shed.

builed

has build

built

has builed

2. Put an 'X' to show the tense of each sentence.

Sentence	Present Perfect	Simple Past
A. Lisa has bought her brother's birthday present.		
B. Jason opened the door for his mum.		
C. The aeroplane flew over the Pacific Ocean.		
D. Miss Jones has misspelt the date on the board.		
E. The children have stolen the sweets.		

3. Rewrite the sentence below in the simple past tense.

A. We have lived in this house for five years and we have been very happy here.

Rewrite the sentence below in the present perfect tense.

B. Kayleigh wore her old boots at the park and stepped in the mud.

The Same But Different

Children all over the UK attend schools of many different sizes and in many different types of places. This text will look at three different schools, in three very different locations, around the country and will compare what school life is like for these children. These schools are the same, but different. Read through the text and answer the questions that follow.

Meet the Children!

Meet Antoni

I'm Antoni and I'm a student at Jenson's Primary School. It is right in the centre of Birmingham, which is one of the largest and most populated cities in the UK. At Jenson's Primary School there are over 1,200 pupils and 150 staff here. There are children from a wide variety of backgrounds with over 60 languages spoken at our school. I speak Polish at home and am learning English at school. I love learning about the different types of people who go to my school and their different cultures and beliefs.

Meet Clarissa

My name is Clarissa and I am a pupil at Whitsham Primary School. Our tiny school can be found in Whitsham, which is a small rural village located near King's Lynn in Norfolk. There are around 75 children on our school roll with very small class sizes. There are just seven teachers at our school, many of whom live in the village and have worked here for many years. My class has only 19 pupils from both Year 3 and 4. We all live close to each other in the village and we often play together after school.

Meet Jason

Hi! I'm Jason and I go to St. Martin's Primary School. My school is in Wilmslow, near Manchester. It is an average sized school with 500 pupils located in a busy town. It has two classes in each year group with around 30 children in each class. My best friend Simon is in the other Year 4 class, but we only have Maths together, as our teachers put us in different groups for different lessons. We like to play games at break time and lunch, especially when we get to use the school field for games.

Location, Location!

Jenson's Primary School

Birmingham is the largest city outside of London with a population of over 1.1 million people. I am one of the many people that live there. The city is host to lots of different types of entertainment venues, such as music spots, theatres, restaurants, and shops. The children at my school love to go to a local entertainment centre called 'Star Town' where we can play crazy golf, play laser tag, watch movies, and play arcade games.

St. Martin's Primary School

I live with my family on the outskirts of Wilmslow, which is a town in Cheshire, 11 miles south of Manchester. The town has a variety of trendy shops, cafes, and restaurants. The population in my town is around 25,000 people. There are always lots of things to do in Wilmslow, but the children at my school always like to go to the cinema or bowling in our free time.

Whitsham Primary School

I live in Whitsham, which is a small west Norfolk village situated 7 miles north east of King's Lynn. There are around 270 people living in Whitsham, with only 121 households in the entire village. There is a church and a village hall where we have parties and celebrations; there is also a post office and a few small shops on the High Street. In the summer, we like to play outside on the green, especially games like cricket and rounders.

Favourite Playground Games!

Jason's Favourite Playground Game

I love to play dodge ball. You have to try to hit the other players below the knee with the ball. If you are hit, then you are out of the game. The last one out is the winner.

At Whitsham Primary, they play dodge ball too, but they play it standing in a circle. One person stands in the middle whilst the other players pass the ball to each other. They then try to hit the person in the middle. They must make sure it is below the knee so no one gets hurt.

Clarissa's Favourite Playground Game

I like to play lots of traditional playground games. Rhymes are used in lots of playground games all over the world. Our teachers told us that some of the playground rhymes we play are over 100 years old.

Antoni's Favourite Playground Game

At Jenson's Primary, we play a game called 'Caught in the Chain'. When the person who is 'it' catches someone, they join hands in the line which gets longer and longer. It is so much fun when the line becomes really long.

They play a similar game at St Martin's School, but they call it 'Build It Up'. In their version, they play with two opposing teams. If you get tagged, you join that person's team. The team with the most players at the end is the winner.

The Same But Different – Comprehension

1. Use the word bank below to complete the sentence to explain what is meant by the phrase 'the same, but different'.

similarities

differences

key

no

three

The _____ schools have lots of _____ in some ways, but also have _____ differences.

2. Tick the box. How many children attend Jenson's Primary School?

Around 150 pupils

☐

Only 30 pupils

☐

Exactly 75 pupils

☐

Over 1,200 pupils

☐

3. What does the word 'rural' mean when referring to Whitsham village?

Normal

☐

In the countryside

☐

Friendly

☐

Quiet

☐

4. Use the word bank below to complete the sentence to explain what Clarissa means when she uses the phrase 'on our school roll'.

children

school

register

names

attend

village

A school roll is the _____ of names of the _____ who _____ the _____.

5. Why do you think Clarissa's class have children from different year groups in one class? Tick the reason why.

A. Two classes have been put together to make a full class size.

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B. Some teachers take free time and send their class to another teacher.

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C. There are very few pupils who attend the school.

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D. The learning becomes more interesting if there are different age groups.

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The Same But Different – Comprehension

6. What evidence is there to show Jenson's Primary School is a multi-cultural school?

A. It is in Birmingham which is the second largest city in the UK.

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B. Children there have many different cultures and beliefs.

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C. There are over 1,200 pupils.

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D. Pupils speak over 60 languages at the school.

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7. Use the word bank below to complete the sentence to explain why there are so few pupils attending Whitsham Primary School.

village

few

small

many

It is located in a _____ rural _____ with _____ people living there.

8. Why do you think the teachers at Clarissa's school in Whitsham have worked there for many years?

A. The school will only employ people who live in the village.

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B. Many of the teachers live in the village.

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C. No one else has heard of the school.

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D. People who live there tend to stay there for a long time.

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9. What sort of activities can you take part in at 'Star Town' in Birmingham?

Crazy golf

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Playing laser tag

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Watching movies

☐

Playing arcade games

☐

Skiing

☐

trampolining

☐

The Same But Different – Comprehension

10. Using evidence from the text, how do the entertainment opportunities vary between Whitsham and Birmingham?

Sort the activities into the table.

Birmingham	Whitsham

cricket

rounders

restaurants

theatres

church

village green

shops

Parties and celebrations

Village hall

Entertainment centres

Music venues