

A new way to think about the difference between the present perfect and past simple:

Unfinished activity

Past simple

Example: I started the project last week.

Present perfect simple and continuous

Example: I have started the project this week.

Example: I have been working on the project this week.

Finished time period

Unfinished time period

Past simple

Example: I finished the project last week.

Present perfect

Example: I have finished the project this week.

Imagine a graph with four axes

Finished activity