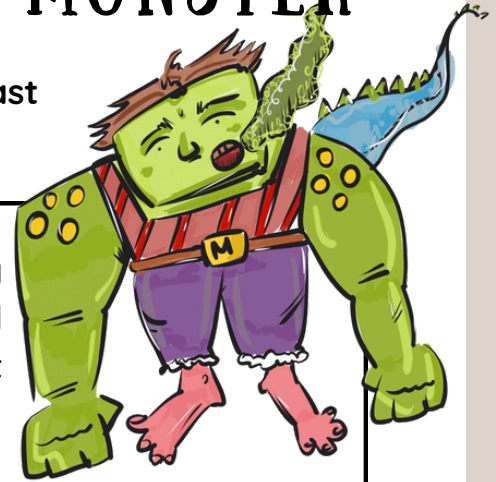


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OSCAR, THE UNHEALTHY MONSTER

Read Oscar's story, answer the questions using the past simple and the present perfect.



This is Oscar. He is very smelly. He has been smelly since he was 5 years old. That's when his mom told him he didn't need to take a bath and he didn't need to wash his clothes.

Oscar has never brushed his teeth. He hasn't taken a shower since he was 5 years old. He is 35 now. He hasn't washed for 30 years. He wasn't always like this but he got tired of smelling good. When he was five, he decided to never smell good again.

Now people ask him, "How long has it been since you've seen a bar a soap?" Oscar always said the same thing. He didn't remember the last time he saw soap.

About a year ago he thought about changing. He took a shower, washed his clothes, put on some perfume and combed his hair.

After all of that, he looked in the mirror and thought, "I like being smelly better!"

He has never smelled good since then.

Underline the past simple sentences in the story using a red pen and the present simple sentences using a blue pen.

Answer the following questions:

1 How long has Oscar been smelly for?

Oscar has been smelly for 30 years.

2 How long has it been since Oscar brushed his teeth?

Oscar has never brushed his teeth.

3 What did Oscar decide when he was 5 years old?

He decided to never smell good again.

Past Simple and Present Perfect practice

Past Simple

Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verb in parentheses.

1 Mary (to read) read a fascinating book last month.

2 They (to visit) visited their cousins last summer.

3 We (to watch) watched a thrilling movie last night.

4 I (to cook) cooked dinner for the family yesterday.

5 He (to play) played basketball with his friends on Saturday.

Present Perfect

Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verb in parentheses.

1 She (to finish) has finished her homework already.

2 They (to travel) have travelled to many countries in the past five years.

3 I (to see) have seen that movie three times.

4 We (to buy) have bought a new car recently.

5 He (to start) has started a new job this week.

Choose the correct form (past simple or present perfect) to complete the sentences.

1 I (to live) have lived in this city since 2010.

2 She (to go) went to the store an hour ago.

3 They (to work) have worked together on multiple projects.

4 We (to meet) met at the conference last year.

5 He (to find) has found his keys after searching for an hour.