

How to Buy a Home in the United States

Unit 1: Lesson 1: This apartment is too small!

Grammar review

The present perfect, when used with *for* and *since*, expresses an activity or situation that began in the past and continues to the present.

Example: They have lived in this neighborhood **since** July.

The simple past tense indicates that an activity or situation began and ended in the past or happened at a particular time in the past.

Example: The Castillos *arrived* in the United States on July 4, 1990.

Use the *present perfect* or the *past tense* of the verb in parentheses.

1. They (come) _____ to the United States three years ago.
2. The Castillos (rent) _____ their apartment since 1990.
3. The Castillos are not new neighbors. They (live) _____ in this same neighborhood for five years.
4. Their friends (buy) _____ a new house two months ago.
5. There (be) _____ more new houses built in the neighborhood since last year.