

PRESENT PERFECT TENSE



When to use Present Perfect Tense?

I) We use the Present Perfect Tense to talk about **experiences**. It is important if we have done it in our lives or not. It is not important when we did it.

- **Examples**

I have been abroad two times.

Anna has never broken a leg.

Have you ever eaten sushi?

- **Tip!** We often use **never** and **ever** with the Present Perfect Tense to talk about experience.

2) We use the Present Perfect Tense to talk about an **action which started in the past and continuous up to now.**

- **Examples**

I have been a teacher for more than ten years.

We haven't seen Janine since Friday.

How long have you been at this school?

- **Tip!** We often use **since** and **for** to say how long the action has lasted.

3) We also use the Present Perfect Tense to talk about a **past action that has the result in the present.**

- **Examples**

I have lost my wallet. = I don't have it now.

Jimmy has gone to South America. = He isn't here now.

Have you finished your homework? = Is your homework ready?

- **Tip!** We often use ***just***, ***already*** and ***yet*** with the Present Perfect Tense for an action in the past with the result in the present.

How to form Present Perfect Tense?

- We make the Present Perfect tense with the correct form of the auxiliary verb **have** (have/has) and the **third form** (past participle) of the main verb.
- To form the past participle of the regular verbs, we add **ed** to the infinitive.
- **Examples:**
 - I have worked as a secretary for two years.*
 - Have you ever visited the Disneyland?*
 - The film hasn't started yet.*
- **Tip!** You may want to visit [The English Irregular Verbs](#) pages to learn how we form the past simple (second form) and past participles (third form) of some English verbs.

Present Perfect - Positive Sentences

I	have = 've	been to Moscow.
You	have = 've	finished the exercise.
He	Has = 's	just gone home.
She	Has = 's	already had a holiday this year.
It	Has = 's	broken!
We	have = 've	seen this film before.
They	have = 've	bought a new car.

Present Perfect - Negative Sentences

I	Have not = haven't	been abroad yet.
You	Have not = haven't	answered my question.
He	Has not = hasn't	been home for five years.
She	Has not = hasn't	found a new job.
It	Has not = hasn't	finished yet.
We	Have not = haven't	worked on a farm.
They	Have not = haven't	seen each other for ages.

Present Perfect - Yes/No Questions

Have	I	ever done it before?
Have	you	been to the cinema recently?
Has	he	worked here long?
Has	she	already sent the fax?
Has	it	ever been in a crash?
Have	we	done it right?
Have	they	gone home yet?

Present Perfect - Information Questions

What	have	I	done?
How long	have	you	been here?
How many times	has	he	been married?
What countries	has	she	visited?
Where	has	it	been?
How long	have	we	been together?
Where	have	they	worked?

Already and Yet

Already means that something happened earlier than we expected. With Present Perfect **already** usually goes after have or has and before the main verb.

Examples

- We've **already** had our breakfast.
- When are you going to do your homework?
- But I've **already** done it!
- Do you want a cup of coffee?
- No, thanks. I've **already** had one."

Yet means that something that we expected has happened or hasn't happened. We usually put it at the end of a sentence.

Examples

- Has the post arrived **yet**?
- Have you done your homework?
- Not **yet**.
- Haven't you got ready **yet**? Look at the time!

For and Since

- We use Present Perfect tense to talk about **action** which started in the past and continues up to the present.

We use **for** with a period of time, **for example:** *a few days, half an hour, two years.*

We use **since** with the time when the action started, **for example:** *last year, June 8, I met you.*

- **Examples**

I have had this computer for about a year.

How long have you been at this school?

I haven't seen Julia since September.