**Present Perfect Simple**

**FORM**

**HAVE/ HAS + PAST PARTICIPLE** (regular verbs: *verb + –ed* / irregular verbs: *done, seen, driven*, etc.)

**Positive:**

I/we/they/you **have** (= I’ve etc.)

**+ lived, worked, done, been, arrived, made, etc.**

He/she/it **has** (= he’s etc.)

**Negative:**

I/we/they/you **have** **not (**haven’t)

**+ lived, worked, done, been, arrived, made, etc.**

He/she/it **has not (**hasn’t)

**Questions:**

Have you/we/they worked...?

Has he/she made…?

**USE**

We use the present perfect tense to talk about things where there is a connection between the past and present.

* For **actions/ states that began in the past, still continue and are likely to continue in future**. **These actions/ states have “permanent” character.**

*We* ***have worked*** *for the company for 4 years.*

***Have*** *they* ***worked*** *for the company since 2006?*

* For **recent actions and events which have present results** (sth. that happened not long ago and is linked to present).

*England footballers* ***have arrived*** *back in Britain after their match in Italy.*

*I’****ve made*** *a cake. Would you like some?*

*He* ***has broken*** *his leg.*

*Who* ***has eaten*** *my dinner?*

* For **an experience that happened at some time of one’s life. (There is NO EXACT TIME REFERENCE.)**

***Have*** *you* ***been*** *to Norway? No, but I* ***have been*** *to Finland several times.*

*I* ***have*** *never* ***watched*** *tennis on TV.*

*I’****ve*** *just* ***met*** *Helen. She looked really smart!*

***Have*** *you* ***seen*** *Mr. Burns today yet?*

*She* ***has*** *already* ***seen*** *Mr. Burns today*. X *She hasn’t seen Mr. Burns yet.*

**Note:**

We use the present perfect with

* **JUST, ALREADY, YET, NEVER, EVER** -*I’ve just finished my homework.*
* **SINCE, FOR** - *I have lived here since 1992.*
* **TODAY, THIS MORNING, THIS EVENING etc. when these periods are not finished at the time of speaking** - *I’ve drunk four cups of coffee today.* (maybe I’ll drink more before the day is finished)
* **ONCE, SEVERAL TIMES, RECENTLY, SO FAR etc.** – *I’ve been to Turkey only once.*

**Present Perfect Continuous (Progressive)**

**Positive**

I/we/they/you **have** (= I’ve etc.) **been** **working/living**

He/she/it **has** (= he’s etc.) **been doing**

**Negative**

I/we/they/you **have not** (haven’t) **been** **working**

He/she/it **has not** (hasn’t) **been doing**

**Questions**

*Have I/we/they/you been living…?*

*Has he/she/ been doing…?*

**PRACTICE**

**1. You are writing a letter to a friend. In the letter you give news about yourself and other people. Use the words given to make sentences. Use the present perfect.**

Dear Chris,

Lots of things have happened since I last wrote to you.

1 I/buy/a new car …………………………………………………………………………………………………....

2 my father/start/ a new job ………………………………………………………………………………………..

3 I/ give up/ smoking ………………………………………………………………………………………………..

4 Charles and Sue/go/ to Brazil …………………………………………………………………………………...

5 Claire/have/ a baby ……………………………………………………………………………………………….

**2. Complete the sentences with a suitable form of the words. Use present perfect simple.**

**arrive break go up grow improve lose**

1 Mike is looking for his key. He cannot find it. He ……………………………………………………………...

2 Margaret cannot walk and her leg is in plaster. She ………………………………………………………….

3 Maria’s English wasn’t very good. Now it is much better. Her English ………………………………….....

4 Tim didn’t have a beard last month. Now he has a beard. He ……………………………………………….

5 This morning I was expecting a letter. Now I have it. The letter ……………………………………………..

**3. Complete B’s sentences. Use the verb in brackets + just/already/yet.**

1 Would you like something to eat? No, thanks. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lunch. (just/have)

2 Do you know where Julia is? Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her. (just/see)

3 What time is David leaving? He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (already/leave)

4 What’s in the newspaper today? I don’t know. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (not/read/yet)

5 Is Ann coming to the cinema with us? No, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the film. (already/see)

6 Are your friends here yet? Yes, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (just/arrive)

7 What does Tim think about your plan? I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (not/tell/yet)

**4. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form, present perfect or past simple.**

1 Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Spain for a while but she’s back again now.

2 Where’s Ken? – He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) out. He’ll be back in about an hour.

3 I did German at school but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (forget) most of it.

4 Look! There’s an ambulance over there. There \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) an accident.

5 They are still building the new road. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/finish) it.

6 Where’s my bike? It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) outside the house. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (disappear)!

7 What do you think of my English? Do you think I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (improve)?

8 When I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) home last night, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) very tired and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) straight to bed.

9 Your car looks very clean. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wash) it?

10 Paul \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) very well last week.

11 Mr Clark \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then he gave it up.

12 Is your father at home? – No, I’m afraid he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.

When exactly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) out? – About ten minutes ago.

13 Where do you live? – In Boston.

How long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) there? – Five years.

Where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) before that? – In Chicago.

And how long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Chicago? – Two years.

14 I don’t know Carol’s husband. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (never/meet/him).

15 How many plays \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write)?