

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)?