Present perfect

We use the present perfect to talk about past events that are connected to the present in some way. We often use it to describe change.

I've lost my glasses.
(= I can't find my glasses.)

She's visited Paris three times.
(= She knows what Paris is like.)

We form the present perfect with the present simple of **have** and the past participle.

Affirmative

I / we / you / they **'ve (have) started**
he / she / it **'s (has) started**

Negative

I / we / you / they **haven't started**
he / she / it **hasn't started**

Questions

Have you (I / we) **started**?
Yes, I (we / you / they) **have.**
No, I (we / you / they) **haven't.**
Has he (she / it) **started**?
Yes, he (she / it) **has.**
No, he (she / it) **hasn't.**



Most verbs have regular past participles. They are formed like regular past simple verbs.

clean → cleaned arrive → arrived
study → studied try → tried
travel → travelled stop → stopped

*He's **changed** his name.*
***Have** you ever **tried** skateboarding?*

Other verbs have an irregular past participle form. Here are some irregular past participles. For a longer list, look at page 160.

drink → **drunk** see → **seen** eat → **eaten**
swim → **swum** fall → **fallen** take → **taken**
go → **been** write → **written**

*I've **written** a letter.*
***Have** you **seen** Andy?*

***1 Write the past participles of these regular and irregular verbs.**

▶ phone	phoned	8 chat	_____
1 want	_____	9 brush	_____
2 talk	_____	10 build	_____
3 leave	_____	11 enjoy	_____
4 cry	_____	12 fix	_____
5 tell	_____	13 plan	_____
6 kick	_____	14 think	_____
7 work	_____	15 give	_____

****2 Write the past simple and past participles of these verbs.**

	Past simple	Past participle
▶ know	knew	known
1 finish		
2 catch		
3 forget		
4 do		
5 put		
6 happen		
7 break		

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3 **Complete the sentences with the present perfect. Use the verbs in brackets.**

▶ She 's seen (see) the photo.

1 Paul _____ (clean) the floor.

2 The flowers _____ (not grow) a lot.

3 I _____ (tell) Ernie about it.

4 She _____ (not do) her homework.

5 We _____ (have) lunch.

6 David _____ (not see) us.

7 We _____ (win)!

8 The film _____ (not start).

4 **Write questions and short answers about the pictures. Use the prompts.**













▶ close / the door? Have they closed the door? No, they haven't.

1 pick / some flowers? _____

2 build / a tower? _____

3 win / the match? _____

4 cut / the trees down? _____

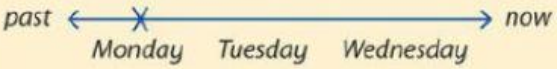
5 bring / an umbrella? _____

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Present perfect with **since** and **for**



We use the present perfect with **since** and **for** to talk about situations and events in a period of time from the past until now.



*I've **had** this cold **since** Monday.*
*I've **felt** ill **for** three days.*

We use **since** with a point in time (when the situation or event started).

Present perfect	*since*	Point in time
I've been here	***since***	***7.30 a.m.***
She's played the violin	***since***	***she was four.***

We use **for** with a length of time (the duration of the event or situation).

Present perfect	*for*	Length of time
I've been here	***for***	***two hours.***
She's played the violin	***for***	***20 years.***

i Write the time expressions in the correct place.

~~April~~ ~~ten days~~ nine o'clock 2002
two weeks a short time three years
1st October Sunday I was eight
a few minutes about half an hour

since	for
April	ten days

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11.4 **Listen and tick the correct answer.**





▶ a ☐ Since I was four.
b ☑ Since I was ten.

1 a ☐ For five years.
b ☐ For ten years.

2 a ☐ Since March.
b ☐ Since April.

3 a ☐ For 30 minutes.
b ☐ For 45 minutes.

4 a ☐ Since 2002.
b ☐ Since 2007.

5 a ☐ Since half past two.
b ☐ Since half past one.

11.5 **Complete the sentences with *since* or *for*. Then listen, check and repeat.**

▶ I've known Ryan *for* three months.

1 Have you had that book _____ you were eight?
2 We've been here _____ five minutes.
3 She's worked there _____ ten years.
4 I haven't seen you _____ August.
5 He's been ill _____ a long time.
6 She's played tennis _____ 2009.

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3  **Write sentences from the prompts.** 

▶ They / be married – 30 years
They've been married for 30 years.

1 I / know Lucy – 2008

2 You / grow – I last saw you

3 It / not rain – two years

4 We / live here – a long time

5 He / not shave – six months

6 Her English / improve – she moved to the UK

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