

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 _____



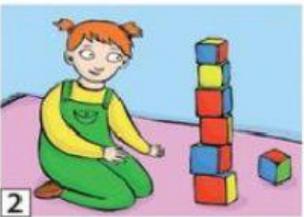
****2** Write the past simple and past participles of these verbs.

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

****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? _____

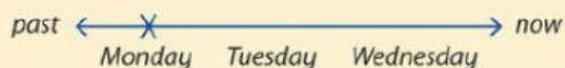
4 cut / the trees down? _____

5 bring / an umbrella? _____

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>I've been here</i>	<i>since</i>	<i>7.30 a.m.</i>
<i>She's played the violin</i>	<i>since</i>	<i>she was four.</i>

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

Present perfect	for	Length of time
<i>I've been here</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>two hours.</i>
<i>She's played the violin</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>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

▶ 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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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
