

Present Perfect

Formula: subject (I, You, He, She, It, They, We) + have/has + past participle verb

Remember: “I, You, They and We” + have/ haven’t or have not

“He, She and It” + has/ hasn’t or has not

GRAMMAR

PRESENT PERFECT

6 A Complete these sentences using the words in brackets. Then check in the texts.

- 1 Choose something you _____ before.
(never/do)
- 2 I _____ my first challenge. (just/finish)
- 3 In the last six months I _____ how to sail.
(learn)
- 4 I _____ yoga for years. (do)

B Check what you know. Match 1–4 above with rules 1–3.

RULES

Use the present perfect for:

1 a completed action or experience at an unspecified time before now, often with phrases such as *ever/never, this week, this month*.

2 a recent completed action at an unspecified time before now that has a present result, often with words like *just, already*.

3 states or actions which are not complete; they began in the past and continue up to now, often with *for* or *since*.

- 8 A** Complete the sentences with the present perfect or past simple of the verbs in the box. Include the adverbs in brackets.

do give be go live play try learn
buy get

What would you like to try for one month?

- I ¹ _____ (always) afraid of water, but I finally ² _____ to swim in the summer. Now I'd like to try diving.
- I ³ _____ (just) a high-quality video camera; my sister ⁴ _____ it to me for my birthday. So I'd like to learn how to edit a film.
- I love music and I ⁵ _____ the piano for many years now, but there's one instrument I ⁶ _____ (not so far): the guitar.
- I ⁷ _____ (never) anything online – I'm paranoid about giving my credit card details, but I know it's cheaper, so that would be my choice.
- Hiking in the Alps. I ⁸ _____ in Austria since I was born, and everyone in my family ⁹ _____ to the Alps hiking loads of times. But somehow I ¹⁰ _____ (still not) a proper hike.

VOCABULARY

PERSONALITY

- 3 A** Complete the extracts from the conversations with words and phrases from the box.

a people person a computer geek
keep yourself to yourself witty
down-to-earth a good laugh
spontaneous a morning person

- 1 For me an important question is 'Do you _____ or do you tend to be around a lot?'
- 2 I like having friends around. I suppose I'm _____.
- 3 I'm not _____ – I can't stand people who are all bright and cheerful first thing.
- 4 Well, at least you're _____. You're quick and you make me laugh.
- 5 I get an idea and I do it, no hesitation. So I'm _____.
- 6 Well, people say I'm fun to be with, _____, if you know what I mean.
- 7 I'm very practical and _____.
- 8 I'm not _____, I don't sit in front of my computer for hours.

