Look at these phrases from "via" (part two in wonder)

- I've never minded.
- I've always understood.
- I've seen August after his surgeries
- I've gotten used to not complaining.
- I've always said "good" even when it hasn't always been so good.

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"I've" is short for "I have" "have" here does not mean possession; it is an auxiliary verb, like "do" When you use "have" as an auxiliary, you are using the present perfect. The name is confusing, as it is not really present, it is the past, but related to the present.

I have always understood: siempre he entendido (y aun entiendo)

Present Perfect Tense

Subject	Helping Verb	Main Verb (Past Participle)
I You They We	have	decided finished lost chosen gone
She He It	has	

Drag the sentences to the right place.

because it's all I've ever known.
that August is special and has special needs.

: his little face bandaged up and swollen, his tiny body full of IVs and tubes to keep him alive.

So , and I've gotten used to not bothering Mom and Dad with little stuff. I've gotten used to figuring things out on my own

When Mom or Dad ask me how things are going in school