

# Grammar 7b

## • Present perfect

1 Fill in the gaps with *hasn't*, *have*, *haven't*. Find examples in the text on p. 82.

**Form: have/has + past participle**

### Affirmative

I/You **have tried** snails.

He/She/It **has had** an accident.

We/You/They **1) eaten** fish.

### Negative

I/You **haven't tried** shrimps.

He/She/It **2) played** well.

We/You/They **3) eaten** meat.

**Use:** We use the **present perfect** for:

- actions which started in the past and continue to the present.

*They have been here since 2008.*

- life experiences. (time isn't stated) *I've put on weight.*

- actions that happened in the past and we can see their results in the present. *She's broken her leg.* [When? We don't know.] (We can see that her leg is in plaster.)

**Compare:** *He has gone to Madrid.* (He's still there.) *He has been to Madrid.* (He's back now.)

**Time expressions with the present perfect:** since, for, never, ever, yet, already, just, this week etc.

2 Write the past participles of the verbs below. Which are regular (R)? Which are irregular (I)?

1 eat <b>eaten</b> (I)	7 run .....
2 write .....	8 go .....
3 win .....	9 give .....
4 ride .....	10 bring .....
5 travel .....	11 think .....
6 listen .....	12 tell .....

3 Use the verbs in Ex. 2 in the **present perfect** to complete the sentences.

1 He **hasn't eaten** his lunch. (X) a marathon. (✓)

2 Tom ..... a camel. (X)

3 They ..... to his advice. (X)

4 She ..... a competition! (✓)

5 I ..... around the world. (✓)

6 Simon and Anna ..... around the world. (✓)

4 Read the table. How do we form questions in the **present perfect**?

Interrogative	Short answers
Have I/you (ever)	Yes, I/you <b>have.</b> /No, I/you <b>haven't.</b>
Has he/she/it	Yes, he/she/it <b>has.</b> /No, he/she/it <b>hasn't.</b>
Have we/you/they	Yes, we/you/they <b>have.</b> /No, we/you/they <b>haven't.</b>

5 Write questions. Then answer them.

1 you/ever/break/something/at/a restaurant? *Have you ever broken something at a restaurant?* Yes, I have./No, I haven't.

2 your parents/ever/travel/to/Europe?

3 a friend/ever/tell you/a lie?

4 you/ever/see/a ghost?

5 you and your friends/ever/sleep/in a tent?

6 you/ever/drive/a racing car?

• just - already - yet - for - since - ever - never

6 Read the examples and say them in your language. How do we use the words in bold? Find examples in the text on p. 82.

*I've already done my homework. Have you already had lunch?*  
*I haven't had lunch yet. I've just spoken to Mike. Have you ever ridden a camel?* *Simon has never eaten snails. Suzy has lived here for two years. I haven't seen Andy since Friday.*

Now choose the correct words. Give reasons.

1 He's **ever/never** played tennis before.

2 I have been friends with Mary **for/since** five years.

3 Sam and Jane have **yet/just** come back from Thailand.

4 Have you **never/ever** been to India?

5 They haven't been to the theatre **for/since** last year.

6 I haven't done my maths homework **yet/already**.

7 I've **yet/already** done the washing-up.

8 They haven't visited us **for/since** last month.