

PRESENT PERFECT

UNFINISHED ACTIONS

The present perfect can be used to express ideas that started in a nonspecific time in the past and continues up to the present.

You have surely spent some minutes watching the video and reading this explanation.

As you can see, the idea of reading and watching the video is something you started some minutes ago, but it does not say when exactly.

FINISHED EVENTS

The present perfect can also be used to express ideas that started in the past and that have recently finished (no longer in progress)

If you are reading this, it is because you have certainly finished watching the video.

In the previous example it is quite obvious that you are not watching the video anymore but that you also finished that action not so long ago.

EXPERIENCES

The present perfect can be used to express ideas that started and finished in the past, that were done multiple times in the past and that can take place in the foreseeable future (experiences.)

I have traveled around the world multiple times and I haven't met a more enjoyable person than you.

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs

1. I _____ (see) the twins in town last week.
2. _____ (you/ever/meet) her brother?
3. Where _____ (you/be) last weekend?
4. _____ (you/see) Kathleen?
5. We _____ (not/go) on holiday last year.
6. I love clothes. I _____ (buy) a lot this year.
7. What _____ (you/do) last weekend?
8. Dad _____ (repair) the car, you can use it now.
9. Agatha Christie _____ (live) from 1890 to 1976.
10. Granny still _____ (not/find) her glasses.
11. Where _____ (you/buy) your laptop?
12. Oh! You _____ (paint) the kitchen, I like the colour.
13. What time _____ (you/get) home last night?
14. Emma! Your letter _____ (arrive) at last!
15. The weather _____ (be) good all week.
16. I _____ (finish) work early yesterday.
17. Sue's not here, she _____ (go) out.
18. The weather _____ (not/be) very good last week.
19. We _____ (be) to the cinema twice this month.
20. Brian _____ (live) in England until the age of 14.

You can now go back and read the text again to have a better understanding.