

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

WHEN TO USE:

A. I'VE LIVED IN BUCHAREST FOR 15 YEARS. (I STILL LIVE HERE.)	1. TO TALK ABOUT A PERIOD OF TIME WHICH IS NOT YET FINISHED.
B. SHE HAS BEEN TO EUROPA PARK ONCE. (WE DON'T KNOW WHEN)	2. TO TALK ABOUT PAST EXPERIENCES WHICH REFER TO AN UNMENTIONED TIME IN THE PAST.
C. I'VE JUST FINISHED MY HOMEWORK.	3. TO TALK ABOUT THINGS WHICH STARTED IN THE PAST AND ARE STILL HAPPENING IN THE PRESENT.
D. I HAVE LOST MY KEYS AGAIN. (I CAN'T GET IN THE HOUSE NOW.)	4. TO TALK ABOUT RECENT PAST ACTIONS.
E. SHE HAS WORKED HARD ALL DAY. (THE DAY ISN'T OVER)	5. TO TALK ABOUT PAST ACTIONS WHICH HAVE A RESULT IN THE PRESENT

FORM:



AFFIRMATIVE: SUBJECT + HAVE/HAS + VERB3 (PAST PARTICIPLE)

I/YOU/WE/THEY _____ VISITED LONDON THREE TIMES THIS YEAR.

HE/SHE/IT _____ EATEN FISH AND CHIPS TWICE TODAY.

NEGATIVE: SUBJECT + HAVE/HAS + NOT + VERB3 (PAST PARTICIPLE)

I/YOU/WE/THEY HAVEN'T _____ THE EIFFEL TOWER YET. (SEE)

HE/SHE/IT HASN'T _____ ANY SOUVENIRS. (BUY).



INTERROGATIVE: HAVE/HAS + SUBJECT + VERB3 (PAST PARTICIPLE) + ?

_____ I/YOU/WE/THEY _____ A LOT THIS YEAR? (TRAVEL)

_____ HE/SHE/IT _____ THE HARRY POTTER SERIES THIS MONTH? (READ)

YES, I/YOU/WE/THEY _____.

NO, I/YOU/WE/THEY _____.

YES, HE/SHE/IT _____.

NO, HE/SHE/IT _____.



KEY WORDS

MAJOR SIGNAL WORDS

SINCE

+ starting point

+ a date/time

since 1992

since I was a child

FOR

+ period of time

+ number + time word

for a month

for 5 days

Complete the sentences with **since** or **for**:

1. _____ a long time

2. _____ my last birthday

3. _____ ages

4. _____ I last saw her

5. _____ half an hour

6. _____ yesterday

7. _____ years

8. _____ a fortnight

9. _____ December

10. _____ two o'clock

11. _____ Monday

12. _____ last century

13. _____ a second

14. _____ 1938

15. _____ 26 B.C.

*B.C. = before Christ

OTHER SIGNAL WORDS

Fill in the blanks with the words **ever**, **never**, **just**, **already**, **yet** in order to match the explanations:

EVER

at any time in your life
until now

NEVER

at no time in your life,
not ever

JUST

a short time ago

ALREADY

sooner than expected

YET

until now (used in
negative and
interrogative)

1. The film _____ finished.	a. something has happened recently
2. The train's _____ left! What are we going to do?	b. something has happened before an expected time
3. Have you _____ met a famous person?	c. to ask questions about past experiences
4. We have _____ visited china.	d. to talk about past experiences which have not happened
5. 1 Have you finished your hw _____? 5. 2 They haven't arrived _____.	e. in interrogative and negative sentences to talk about things that we were expecting to happen, but didn't happen until the present moment