

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

WHEN TO USE:

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| 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:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. _____ a long time | 6. _____ yesterday | 11. _____ Monday |
| 2. _____ my last birthday | 7. _____ years | 12. _____ last century |
| 3. _____ ages | 8. _____ a fortnight | 13. _____ a second |
| 4. _____ I last saw her | 9. _____ December | 14. _____ 1938 |
| 5. _____ half an hour | 10. _____ two o'clock | 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)

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| 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 |