

GRAMMAR ASPECT



PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

Affirmative	Negative	Question
I/You/We/They/ have ('ve) finished	I/You/They/ have not (haven't) finished	Have I/You/We/They finished?
He/She/It has ('s) finished	He/she/It has not (hasn't) finished	Has he/she/it finished?

The present perfect is formed with the verb *have* + *past participle*.

Use the present perfect ...

- To talk about *an unspecific time in the past*. The exact time is not important.
- To talk about experiences *up to the present*.
- To talk about finished actions that are relevant now.
- We often use the present perfect with *ever* and *never*.

1. Complete the text with the present perfect or past simple form of the verb in brackets.

In the 1990s a group of artist friends 1) _____ (live) and 2) _____ (work) in an artists' village in Beijing, China. Several of these artists 3) _____ (become) very successful, including Yue Minjun, who 4) _____ (exhibit) paintings and sculptures all over the world. Minjun's work always features his own laughing face which he 5) _____ (paint) in many different situations. In 2007 Sothebys 6) _____ (sell) one of his paintings for \$5.9 million.

2. Choose the correct words to complete the text.

Critics (1) _____ Picasso's picture *La Vie* (life) one of his most important works. Picasso (2) _____ the picture in 1903. In 1901 his good friend Casagemas (3) _____ himself. Picasso (4) _____ the man in *La Vie* Casagemas's face. People (5) _____ it difficult to interpret this picture. But it is clear that Picasso (6) _____ the picture to deal with the pain of his friend's death.

3. Complete the questions with the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1) Where _____ you _____ (meet) your best friend?
- 2) How long _____ you _____ (know) each other?
- 3) _____ you _____ (go) to school together when you were children?
- 4) _____ you ever _____ (lose touch)?
- 5) _____ you ever _____ (have) an argument?

4. Work in pairs and ask each other the questions.

Have you ever ...

- *been to an art exhibition or gallery?*
- *bought a painting or an art poster?*
- *given somebody a piece of art?*
- *drawn or painted pictures yourself?*
- *read a book about a famous artist?*

