2 LANGUAGE FOCUS • Present perfect: affirmative and negative • *for* and *since*

I can talk about experiences that started in the past.

Present perfect: affirmative and negative

1 Cover the article on page 20. Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Then check your answers.

had helped smelled tried

1 He has ..... to create fragrances.
2 She has never ..... the fragrance of a rose.
3 She has never ..... different perfumes.
4 Meals have never ..... much flavour.

2 Read the sentences in exercise 1 again. Then choose the correct words to complete the rules.

RULES

1 The present perfect describes life experiences or recent events that started at **some time / an exact time** in the past and are important in the present.
2 We form the present perfect with *be / have* and a past participle.
3 **Regular / irregular** past participles end in *-ed*.
4 We use *never* to make **affirmative / negative** sentences.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Water slide tester

It's the best job in the world! I [1] ..... (visit) a lot of countries with my company, and I [2] ..... (try) a lot of great water slides. They [3] ..... (not decide) on the next destination, but I'm hoping for a trip to Jamaica.

Chocolate taster

I [4] ..... (work) here for a long time. In my life, I think I [5] ..... (taste) more than a thousand different chocolate products. I [6] ..... (not try) any this afternoon – we only taste for an hour a day.

STUDY STRATEGY

Learning irregular verbs

When you aren't sure about a verb form, check in the irregular verbs list on page 104 of the Workbook. When you find an irregular verb, copy it into your notebook. Revise and test yourself every week.

4 Read the study strategy. Complete the sentences using the present perfect forms of the verbs.

not begin buy not eat not see speak

1 You ..... any breakfast!
2 We ..... a lot of English today.
3 I ..... that film. Is it good?
4 The match ..... It starts in ten minutes.
5 She ..... a fantastic new bike.

for and *since*

5 Study the examples and complete the rules with *for* and *since*.

James has worked for a perfume company for twenty years.

Lucy hasn't had a sense of smell since birth.

RULES

1 We use ..... to talk about the point in time an activity started.
2 We use ..... to talk about the period of time up to the present.

6 Complete the sentences with the present perfect forms of the verbs in brackets and *for* or *since*.

1 I ..... this happy ..... weeks. (not feel)
2 We ..... him ..... last month. (not see)
3 They ..... that dog ..... years. (have)
4 She ..... in London ..... 2010. (live)

7 USE IT! Write sentences about experiences using the present perfect. Use the time expressions below. Find people who have had similar experiences.

always for weeks never since this year today

I have never visited Jamaica.

I haven't watched TV for weeks.

Finished?

Test your memory! Write a paragraph describing the answers the people in your class gave in exercise 7.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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1 ★ Choose the correct words to complete the table.

Affirmative		
I / You / We / You / They	has / have	[1] written / wrote an email.
He / She / It	[2] has / have	[3] seen / saw that film.
Negative		
I / You / We / You / They	[4] hasn't / haven't	[5] ate / eaten sushi.
He / She / It	[6] hasn't / haven't	[7] come / came home.
ever* and *never		
She [8] has / hasn't never played that game.		
We [8] have / haven't ever heard that song.		

2 ★★ Correct the words.

My friend Melissa has recently **did** ____ **done** ____ a cookery course with her sister, and they **[1] has learned** ____ how to make different Spanish tapas. Melissa **[2] has want** ____ to do this for ages. She says it's one of the best things she **[3] has never done** ____. I'm very excited to try the new dishes she **[4] made** ____!

I think Melissa is feeling nervous, because she **[5] never cooked** ____ for her friends before. We **[6] not tasted** ____ some of the tapas dishes before, but I'm sure they'll be delicious!

3 ★★ Write sentences using the present perfect.

she / not taste Indian food
She hasn't tasted Indian food.

1 Lucy / buy a new perfume ____

2 we / not listen to rap music ____

3 you / eat a lot of cake ____

4 I / hear that joke before ____

5 Henry / not watch the film ____

6 they / not see the painting ____

for and *since*

4 ★★ Choose the correct answers.

That school has been there for ____.
(a) forty years b 1975 c I was born

1 I've loved pasta since I ____ a child.
a was b have been c am

2 We've been in this flat ____ six months.
a since b from c for

3 ____ a chef for five years.
a He's being b He's c He's been

4 Kemal has had no sense of smell for ____.
a ages b she was born c last year

5 We haven't visited our grandparents since ____.
a last year b six months c a long time

5 ★★★ Write one or two sentences about these things. Use *for* or *since* and the present perfect.

where you live
I've lived in Istanbul since I was four.
We've lived in our new house for a year.

1 hobbies your brother, sister or friend has ____

2 your parents' jobs ____

3 things you and your friends haven't done for a while ____

4 places you haven't been to for a while ____

LIVEWORKSHEETS