

Unit 11: Present perfect.

Positive / Negative forms		
I / You / We / They	have / 've have not / haven't	been to Australia. learned to cook.
He / She / It	has / 's has not / hasn't	

Question forms and short answers		
Have	I / you / we / they	been to Australia?
Has	he / she / it	
Yes,	I / you / we / they	have.
	he / she / it	has.
No,	I / you / we / they	haven't.
	he / she / it	hasn't.

We can use the present perfect to talk about our experiences:

I've seen all the Harry Potter films, but I haven't read the books.

We do not use the present perfect to say when something happened:

✓ *I've been to India.*

X *I've been to India last year.*

Present perfect: just

We use *just* to talk about something that happened a short time ago. We put *just* between *have / has* and the past participle.



I've just spoken to Paul.

My dad has just got home from work.

Present perfect: yet

yet (= *until now*) is used in negative sentences and questions to talk about things we plan to do in the future, but which are not done. *yet* is put at the end of a sentence:



Have you finished your homework yet?

I haven't read your email yet.

Present perfect: already

We use *already* to talk about something that happened before now or before we expected. We put *already* between *have / has* and the past participle:



I've already had my lunch. (I don't need to have lunch now.)

We've already told Mike where the match is. (Mike knows, so you don't need to tell him.)

Have you already finished your homework? That was quick! (The speaker did not expect this.)

We can also put *already* at the end of a sentence to show surprise or for emphasis:

Have you downloaded the music already?

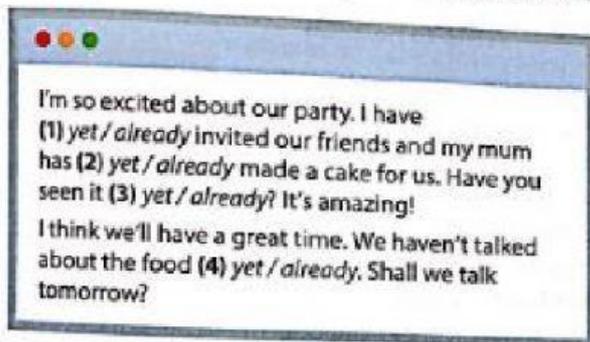
🕒 Exam candidates often make mistakes with the past participle. Correct one mistake in each of these sentences.

- 1 I've ~~paied~~ a lot of football today. *played*
- 2 I've decided to buy a new phone.
- 3 We've ~~eatten~~ some sweets and now we feel sick.
- 4 I have just ~~wathed~~ a football match with my parents.
- 5 He has ~~attened~~ a first-aid course.
- 6 I've ~~forgetten~~ to tell you about my new haircut.

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Complete the sentences with *just* and the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Why has your brother stopped playing football?
He's *just hurt*..... (hurt) his foot.
- 2 My little sister's crying. She..... (cut) her finger.
- 3 I can't go swimming now. I..... (have) my lunch.
- 4 Sorry we're late, but we..... (visit) the dentist.
- 5 I don't want any chocolate. I..... (brush) my teeth.

Complete Lucas's message by choosing *yet* or *already*.



Put the word in brackets in the correct position in these sentences.

- 1 Have you..... tidied your bedroom.....? (yet)
- 2 They've..... finished..... their school project. (already)
- 3 I'm really hot. I've..... run home from school..... (just)
- 4 I don't want to watch that programme. I've..... seen it..... twice. (already)
- 5 Tania doesn't want..... to go to bed..... She isn't tired. (yet)

Put the words in order to make sentences.

1 I / haven't / my / new / shoes / worn / yet.

2 eating. / finished / just / We've

3 already / all / friends. / I've / my / texted

4 book / finished / Have / reading / that / yet? / you

5 brother. / I've / just / my / older / phoned

Present perfect with *for* & *since*

We can use the present perfect with *for* and *since* to talk about something that started in the past and is still happening in the present:

I've known my best friend for a long time. (= I knew my best friend in the past and I still know him now.)

I've known her since 2012. (= I met her in 2012 and I still know her now.)

for

We use the present perfect with *for* to talk about a period of time:

I've studied English for six years.

We've lived in Berlin for three months.

since

We use the present perfect with *since* to talk about when a situation started:

I've studied English since 2015. (I'm still studying it now.)

We've lived in Berlin since June. (We still live there.)

Complete the table with the time phrases in the box.

24 hours six o'clock 400 years last November
my birthday October 12th ten minutes
the end of May three weeks 12 months yesterday

FOR

SINCE

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 I've had long hair *for* / *since* January.
- 2 I've known my dentist *for* / *since* 2014.
- 3 My dad has worn glasses *for* / *since* four years.
- 4 We've lived near the hospital *for* / *since* six months.
- 5 I've felt tired *for* / *since* nine o'clock.

Match the questions (1–6) with the correct answers (a–f).

- 1 How do you keep fit?
- 2 Why did you go to the doctor's?
- 3 What do you do when you have a headache?
- 4 Who are you going to visit at the hospital?
- 5 How long have you had a cold?
- 6 When did you hurt yourself?

- a For about three days.
- b I go running every day.
- c I did it yesterday.
- d My little brother.
- e I had a pain in my leg.
- f I take some medicine.

1 Complete the conversation with the words from the box. There are three extra words you don't need.

broken cut down hot
hurts matter
plaster temperature well

- Dan: Mum, I don't feel (1) *well*
- Mum: What's the (2) ?
- Dan: My head (3) and I feel
(4)
- Mum: I think you've got a (5)
- You should lie (6)



EXAM TASK

Exam task

For each question, choose the correct answer.

	Alessio	Selim	Esteban
1 Who has spent the night in a hospital?	A	B	C
2 Who offered to help someone when he was in the hospital?	A	B	C
3 Who felt scared when he first entered the hospital?	A	B	C
4 Who made a friend when he was in the hospital?	A	B	C
5 Who thinks it's boring to be in hospital?	A	B	C
6 Who learned something new in the hospital?	A	B	C
7 Who is interested in being a doctor?	A	B	C

A trip to hospital

Alessio

I've never stayed in a hospital, but about a month ago I visited my friend there. He was in a room with lots of other people. I was afraid just before we went into the room, but then I saw my friend. He was smiling and didn't look ill. The doctors and nurses were really kind and my friend got better quickly. He said being in hospital was OK, but I'm not sure. There's nothing to do except sleep and watch TV.



Selim

I went to the hospital when my little sister was born. Mum stayed there for a night and we visited the next day. Dad asked me if I was scared about going to a hospital, but I was just excited about meeting my sister. The hospital was interesting. The doctor told me that little babies can't see well, which I didn't know before. I asked Mum if she wanted me to wash the baby with her, but we did that when we took her home.



Esteban

I had to go to hospital when I broke my leg. I was there for two days. I met another boy there, and we talked and played together so we didn't get bored. I taught him to play cards. I still see him sometimes. My leg hurt, but the doctors gave me medicine to take the pain away and showed me pictures of my leg, called X-rays. I think I'd like to do their job. It's good to help people when they're ill.

