

## 12A present perfect

1 A **Have you seen** the new Matt Damon film?

B Yes, I **have**.

She **hasn't** read any books in English.

2 **Have you ever read** a Russian novel?

I've **never worked** in an office.

3 **Have you finished** the exercise?

Your parents **have arrived**. They're in the living room.

12.2

1 We use the present perfect when we talk or ask about events in the past, but when we don't say or ask when.

2 We often use the present perfect with **ever** (= at any time in your life) and **never** (= at no time in your life).

3 We also use the present perfect to talk about recent events, e.g. *I've finished my homework.*



full form of have	contraction	past participle of main verb
I <b>have</b>	I've	
You <b>have</b>	You've	
He / She / It <b>has</b>	He / She / It's	
We <b>have</b>	We've	
They <b>have</b>	They've	seen that film.

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full form of have

contraction

past participle of main verb

I / You / We / They **have not**  
He / She / It **has not**

**haven't**  
**hasn't**

**seen** that film.

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Have I / you / we / they  
Has he / she / it

**seen** that film?

Yes, I / you / we / they **have**.  
Yes, he / she / it **has**.

No, I / you / we / they **haven't**.  
No, he / she / it **hasn't**.

• To make the present perfect we use **have / has + the past participle of the verb**.

• 's = **has** in present perfect.

infinitive

past simple

past participle

like  
want

liked  
wanted

liked  
wanted

• Past participles of regular verbs are the same as the past simple.

infinitive

past simple

past participle

read /red/  
see

read /red/  
saw

read /red/  
seen

• Past participles of irregular verbs are sometimes the same as the past simple, e.g. **read /red/** but sometimes different, e.g. **seen**.

Look at the list of irregular past participles on p.165.

## 12A

a Write the sentences with contractions.

I have seen the film. I've seen the film.

- 1 She has not read the book. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 You have not finished your ice cream! \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 We have heard the news. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 He has arrived at the airport. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 They have not asked for the bill. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 We have not seen him before. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 It has stopped raining. \_\_\_\_\_

b Write **+** and **—** sentences and **?** in the present perfect. Use contractions where possible.

**+** I / see a famous actor. I've seen a famous actor.

- 1 **+** I / change my email address \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 **—** my boyfriend / work abroad \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 **?** you / decide what to do \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 **—** they / pass the exam \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 **?** he / accept the invitation \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 **+** she / study three languages \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 **—** the train / arrive \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 **?** the children / tidy their room \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 **—** my girlfriend / phoned me \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 **+** my father / help me a lot \_\_\_\_\_

c Write a sentence in the present perfect for each picture. Use the verbs in the list.

ask clean not finish paint pass see



He's cleaned the floor.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ a good film.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ his driving test.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ her book.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ a difficult question.

## 12B present perfect or past simple?

A **Have you been** to that new Italian restaurant?  
B Yes, **I have**.  
A When **did you go** there?  
B **I went** last weekend.  
A Who **did you go** with?  
B **I went** with some people from work.

12.8

- We often use the **present perfect** to ask / tell somebody about a past action for the first time. We don't ask / say when the action happened.  
**Have you been** to that new Italian restaurant?
- Then we use the **past simple** to ask / talk about the details. 'When **did you go** there?' 'I **went** last weekend.'
- We use the past simple **NOT** the present perfect with when and past time expressions, e.g. *yesterday, last week*.  
**When did you see** the film? **NOT** **When have you seen** the film?  
**I saw it last week.** **NOT** **I've seen it last week.**

### been or gone?

A Have you ever **been** to Italy?  
B Yes, I've **been** to Rome three times.  
A My sister has **gone** to Italy to study Italian.

12.9

- **been** and **gone** have different meanings. **been** is the past participle of **be**, and **gone** is the past participle of **go**.
- In the present perfect we use **been to** (**NOT gone to** OR **been in**) to say that somebody has visited a place.  
**I've been to** Rome three times.  
**Have you been to** the new Italian restaurant in George Street?
- We use **gone** to when somebody goes to a place and is still there.  
**My parents have gone to** the USA for their holidays. They're having a fantastic time.
- Compare:  
**Nick has been to Paris.** = He visited Paris and came back at some time in the past.  
**Nick has gone to Paris.** = He went to Paris and he is in Paris now.

## 12B

### a Circle the correct form.

**Have you ever seen?** Did you ever see a Japanese film?

- 1 I haven't finished / didn't finish this book. I'm on page 210.
- 2 My boyfriend has given / gave me a ring for my last birthday.
- 3 They've bought / bought a new house last month.
- 4 Have you ever danced / Did you ever dance a tango?
- 5 My friends have gone / went to a party last weekend.

### b Circle the correct verb, been or gone.

Let's go to the Peking Duck. I've never **been** / **gone** there.

- 1 The secretary isn't here. She's **been** / **gone** out for lunch.
- 2 I've never **been** / **gone** to the USA.
- 3 My neighbours aren't at home. They've **been** / **gone** on holiday.
- 4 Have you ever **been** / **gone** to China?
- 5 We have lots of food. I've **been** / **gone** to the supermarket.

### c Put the verbs in brackets in the present perfect or past simple.

A **Have** you ever **been** to Spain? (be)  
B No, but I **went** to Portugal last year. (go)  
A **1** **you** ever **2** **any countries outside Europe?** (visit)  
B Yes, I have. I **2** **to New York a few years ago.** (go)  
A **3** **Who** **4** **you** **5** **with?** (go)  
B My boyfriend. It was a work trip and his company **4** **for everything.** (pay)  
A How wonderful! **5** **you** **there for long?** (be)  
B No, we **6** **only there for five days.** (be)  
A **7** **Where** **8** **you** **9** **? (stay)**  
B We **8** **a suite in a five-star hotel. It was beautiful!** (have)  
A **9** **the company** **10** **you on any other trips recently?** (invite)  
B No. My boyfriend **10** **working there a year later, so that was our only trip.** (stop)