

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.

- 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.*

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

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full form of have	contraction	past participle of main verb
I / You / We / They have not	haven't	seen that film.
He / She / It has not	hasn't	

?		✓	✗
Have I / you / we / they	seen that film?	Yes, I / you / we / they have .	No, I / you / we / they haven't .
Has he / she / it		Yes, he / she / it has .	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	liked	liked
want	wanted	wanted

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

infinitive	past simple	past participle
read /ri:d/	read /red/	read /red/
see	saw	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.

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- a Write the sentences with contractions.

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

- She has not read the book. _____
- You have not finished your ice cream! _____
- We have heard the news. _____
- He has arrived at the airport. _____
- They have not asked for the bill. _____
- We have not seen him before. _____
- 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.*

- + I / change my email address _____
- my boyfriend / work abroad _____
- ? you / decide what to do _____
- they / pass the exam _____
- ? he / accept the invitation _____
- + she / study three languages _____
- the train / arrive _____
- ? the children / tidy their room _____
- my girlfriend / phoned me _____
- + 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.


- _____ a good film.
- _____ his driving test.
- _____ her book.
- _____ the wall.
- _____ a difficult question.

12B present perfect or past simple?

- A Have you **been** to that new Italian restaurant?  12.8
 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.

- 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?  12.9
 B Yes, I've **been** to Rome three times.
 A My sister has **gone** to Italy to study Italian.

- 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.

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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 _____ any countries outside Europe? (visit)
 B Yes, I have. I ² _____ to New York a few years ago. (go)
 A ³ Who _____ you _____ 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 _____ you _____? (stay)
 B We ⁸ _____ a suite in a five-star hotel. It was beautiful! (have)
 A ⁹ _____ the company _____ you on any other trips recently? (invite)
 B No. My boyfriend ¹⁰ _____ working there a year later, so that was our only trip. (stop)