

READING EXERCISE: PRESENT PERFECT

HAUNTED HOUSE



Have you seen my house? Yes, is that creepy one there. You may be asking yourself "How has he ended up in that place?"; well, the answer is quite simple. My family has owned this house since 1840. As you can see, it is very old, but my family has taken care of it during all this time for a very special reason: ghosts. My grandpa told me that the house was built on a native-American cemetery, so it has been cursed since then. Many people have seen mysterious shadows walking in the house and things moving; they have also heard strange noises, like a little girl crying or an animal scratching. I haven't seen any ghosts, but I have felt them, and I have also seen what they can do. Let me explain myself. I went to the house for my vacation and one night I saw that the mirror of living room was full of blood, but when I looked again there was nothing. I'm really scared of this place, but now I have to live here for a few years because I inherited it from my grandfather.



1. Answer the questions in complete sentences using present perfect. Use contractions only for negatives.

Since when has the family owned the house?

Has the author seen any ghosts?

Why has the family taken care of the house?

Since when has the house been cursed?

2. Check the ideas mentioned in the text.

- Who owns the house.
- When was the house build.
- Since when has the family owned the house.
- The name of the ghosts.
- Why is the author living in the house.
- Why the house is haunted.

3. Complete the sentences using present perfect. Use contractions only for negatives.

you (see) my house?

Many people (hear) strange noises.

I (not see) any ghosts.

My family (own) this house since 1840.

4. Match.

The author	is a man.
One of the ghosts	on a native-American cemetery.
The house	was full of blood.
The author's grandfather	told him the story of the house.
The house was built	have seen ghosts.
Many people	have taken care of the house.
The mirror	is a girl.
The author's family	is very old and creepy.