



THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

PRESENT PERFECT USES and STRUCTURE

USES OF THE PRESENT PERFECT

Use the present perfect for:

-Actions in the past but we don't mention when we did them.

*I have been to England.

-Actions in the past with a result connected to the present.

*I have lost my keys.

-Actions in the past that are still true in the present.

*I've been married for ten years and I'm so happy.

-For experiences: Use **ever/never** or **just** to talk about experiences.
I've never been to Australia.

SENTENCE STRUCTURE

AFFIRMATIVE

I/you/we/they have worked.

He/she/it **has** worked.

NEGATIVE

I/you/we/they haven't worked.

He/she/it **hasn't** worked.

INTERROGATIVE

Have I/you/we/they worked?

Has he/she/it worked?

SHORT ANSWERS

Yes, I/you/we/they **have**.

No, he/she/it **hasn't**.

LONG AND SHORT FORMS

I have been to Paris.

I've been to Paris.

You have not played tennis.

You haven't played tennis.

3rd Person

She has been to London.

She's been to London.

Peter has not written a book.

Peter hasn't written a book.

EVER/NEVER

PRESENT PERFECT: EXPERIENCES

EVER Use it for interrogative sentences to ask if something has happened in your life until now.

*Have you **ever** seen this film?

*Have you **ever** been to Paris?

NEVER Use it to say that something hasn't happened at any time up to the present.

*I have **never** been to Japan.

*Tim has **never** worked in a factory.

JUST

FOR VERY RECENT ACTIONS

JUST: We use just to talk about a very recent action which has happened a short time ago. Look at the following examples.

*-'It's cold here'.

- 'Don't worry, I have **just** closed the window'.

*-'Mary, are you coming?'

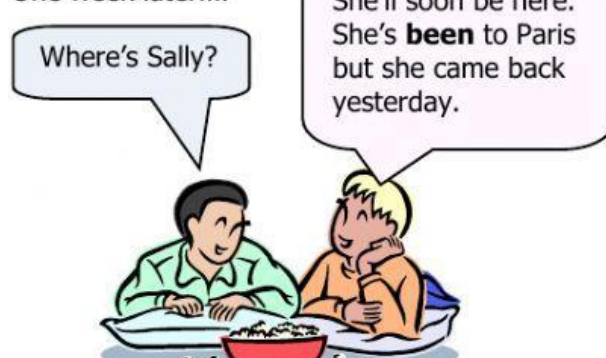
- 'Yes, I have **just** finished my homework'.

GONE OR BEEN



Sally's gone to Paris. This means she is not here now. Use **GONE** when the person is still away.

One week later....



Sally has been to Paris. She came back yesterday. She's here now. Use **BEEN** when the person is back.



Exercises to practise



Exercise 1 Write the sentences using the present perfect.

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| 1-I _____ (see) this film once. | 7-Jim _____ (sell) his car. |
| 2-Carol _____ (paint) her bedroom. | 8-Tina _____ (wash) her hair. |
| 3-Peter _____ (break) his leg. | 9-_____ (you-see) Jim today? |
| 4-She _____ (not call) her mother. | 10-Liam _____ (lose) his keys. |
| 5-I _____ (not have) bread for days. | 11-Lucy _____ (not miss) the bus. |
| 6-They _____ (be) to Italy twice. | 12-We _____ (not play) golf today. |

Exercise 2 Make questions using EVER

Example: play-golf

Have you ever played golf?

- 1-be-to Africa. _____?
- 2-see-a French movie? _____?
- 3-wear-a hat _____?
- 4-lose-your passport _____?
- 5-miss-a plane _____?
- 6-eat-spaguetti _____?
- 7-write-a book _____?
- 8-buy-a house _____?

Exercise 3 Rewrite the sentences using JUST

- 1-Mary has arrived.
Mary has just arrived.
- 2-My aunt has phoned. _____
- 3-I have finished my homework. _____
- 4-Rob and I have had an argument. _____
- 5-They have cleaned their car. _____
- 6-Carla has done the washing up. _____
- 7-He has learnt a new word. _____
- 8-I have had a sandwich. _____
- 9-My dog has barked. _____

Exercise 4 Fill the gaps using GONE or BEEN Dialogues

Tim: Hi Sam. I haven't seen you for two weeks. Where have you _____?

Sam: Oh, I've _____ to Portugal.

Sarah: (on the phone) Hello, this is Sarah here. Can I speak to Lisa?

Lisa's mum: I'm afraid not. Lisa has _____ to France. She'll be back tomorrow.

Dad: Where's Albert? He was here a minute ago.

Mum: Oh, he's _____ to the shops. He won't be long.

Linda: I've heard you've _____ to New York. Was it nice?

Rob: Yes, it was fantastic.

Exercise 5 Choose the correct option.

- 1-**Have/has** Tim ever been to Rome?
- 2-I've **ever/never** met a celebrity.
- 3-Jon **have/has** never worn glasses.
- 4-My friend **wrote/has written** two books.
- 5-**Have/has** they ever bought a flat?
- 6-Tom's not here. He's **gone/been** to Brazil.
- 7-Hi Marc! I have **gone/been** to Ireland.
- 8-Have you **ever/never** broken your arm?
- 9-I have **ever/never** drunk tea.
- 10-**Have/has** she found her purse?
- 11-Have **they/she** read the newspaper?
- 12-Jill **has/have** learnt French.
- 13-Tom has **win/won** the lottery.
- 14-We have **ever/never** been here before.
- 15-Have you ever **gone/been** to the opera?
- 16-Tom and I **have/has** never flown before.
- 17.He won't answer the phone because he's **been/gone** to Scotland for the weekend.