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Present perfect

Talking about the past and present together

have + past participle

In this unit you learn ways to talk about the past and present together using the present perfect.

Form of the present perfect

***Have* + past participle**

The past participle of regular verbs is formed by adding ***-ed*** to the infinitive.

Infinitive	Past participle	Example
cook	cooked	He has cooked dinner for us.
work	worked	Have you worked hard today?
finish	finished	She hasn't finished it.

Remember!

You can use a short form of **have**.

I've = I have
he's = he has
we've = we have
they haven't = they have not
she hasn't = she has not

- If the infinitive ends in ***-e***, you add only ***-d***.

Infinitive	Past participle
live	lived

- Many common verbs have irregular forms. Here are a few.

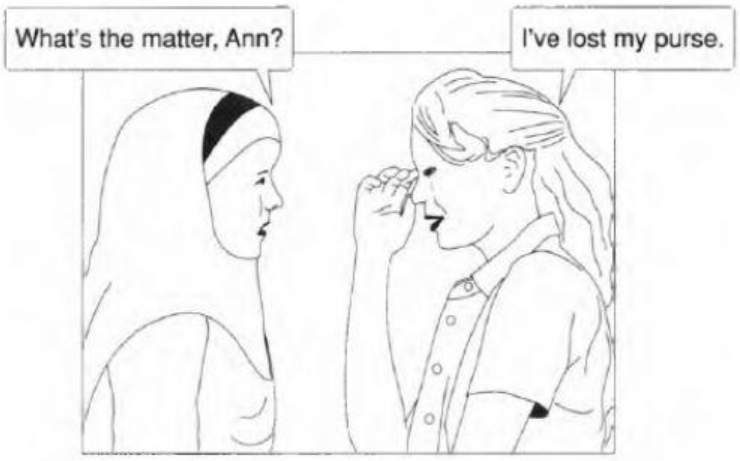
Infinitive	Past participle
be	been
have	had
go	gone
see	seen
eat	eaten

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Uses of the present perfect

You can use the present perfect

- to talk about something that happened in the past but that is still important in the present:



- to describe something that started in the past and is still happening now:

  A: Do you know this part of town?
  *B: Yes, **I've lived** here for ten years.*

- to talk about things you have done at some time in the past:

  ***I've been** to America three times.*
  ***I've never read** any Harry Potter books.*

- with **just** to talk about the recent past:

  ***I've just finished** my exams. I'm so happy.*
  A: Do you want some of my chocolate?
  *B: No thanks, **I've just eaten**.*

- with **ever** to ask questions to find out things that people have done:

  *A: **Have you ever eaten** Japanese food?*
  B: Yes, many times.

- with **yet** and **already**:

  ***Have you done** your homework **yet**?*
  *Don't tell me what happens at the end of the film. **I haven't seen** it **yet**.*
  *We don't need any more milk. **I've already** bought some.*

> ### *Remember!*
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> You use **already** in positive sentences, and **yet** in negative sentences and questions.

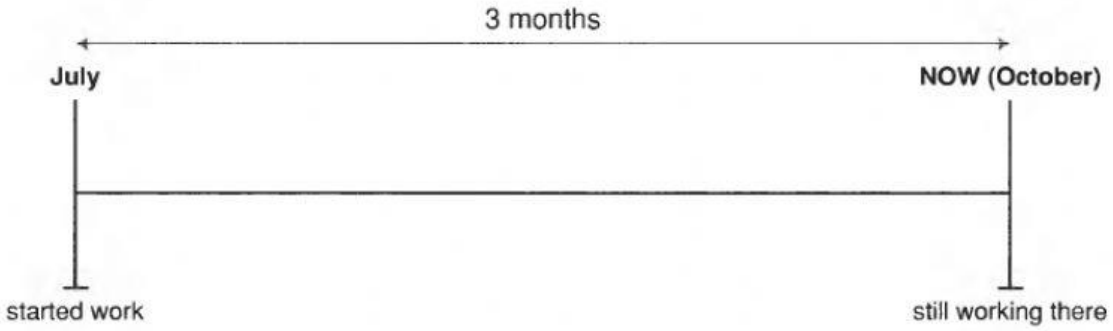
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- with **for** (for a period of time) or **since** (from a point in time):

*I've lived in Paris **since** 2010.*



*He's worked there **for** three months.*



*She's been a fan **since** she saw them in concert.*



Present perfect with *been* and *gone*

Look at these examples:

*Sam's **gone** to the shops to buy a newspaper. He'll be back in a few minutes.*

This means that Sam is still at the shops.

*Julia's **been** to the shops so we've got enough food for dinner.*

This means that Julia has gone to the shops and come back.

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Exercise 1

Match the sentences with the pictures, as shown.

1 He's already eaten the sandwich.

2 She hasn't drunk her coffee yet.

3 She hasn't got up yet.

4 He's already had a shower.

5 She hasn't made her bed yet.

6 She's already tidied her room.

a



b



c



d



e



f



Exercise 2

Match the sentence halves.

1 Jack has worked in the same office for
2 I've lived in the same house since
3 They've been in love since
4 The food has been in the microwave for
5 Sarah has been away at university since
6 Tim's brother has been good at maths since

a he was five.
b she started last term.
c they met at school.
d three years.
e I was born.
f three minutes.

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Exercise 3

Choose the correct word.

1 Have you **never / ever** eaten fish and chips?
2 I've **ever / never** been to the US.
3 Tessa has **never / ever** had a cold.
4 Has Ben **ever / never** worked in an office?
5 Have Mary and Bill **ever / never** invited you to their home?
6 Amy's teachers have **never / ever** known such a clever student.

Exercise 4

Match the sentence halves.

1 He's already put	**a** to work yet.
2 She hasn't had	**b** breakfast yet.
3 He's already cleaned	**c** the car.
4 It hasn't stopped	**d** the dishes in the cupboard.
5 She's already taken	**e** raining yet.
6 He hasn't gone	**f** the dog for a walk.

Exercise 5

Choose the correct word.

1 Sally isn't here. She's **gone / been** to the bank.
2 I'm tired because I've just **been / gone** for a swim.
3 Kevin's back now – he's just **been / gone** to the supermarket.
4 Rita's **gone / been** to buy some lunch. She'll be back in a minute.
5 Have you ever **gone / been** to the mountains?
6 Tom has **been / gone** to a meeting, so he won't be in the office today.

Exercise 6

Which sentences are correct?

1 Donald has lived in France since two years. ☐
2 I've known my friend Sasha for a long time. ☑
3 Liz has never learnt to swim. ☐
4 Sarah has ever been to China. ☐
5 Peter has washed already the dishes. ☐
6 Claire hasn't had her lunch yet. ☐

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