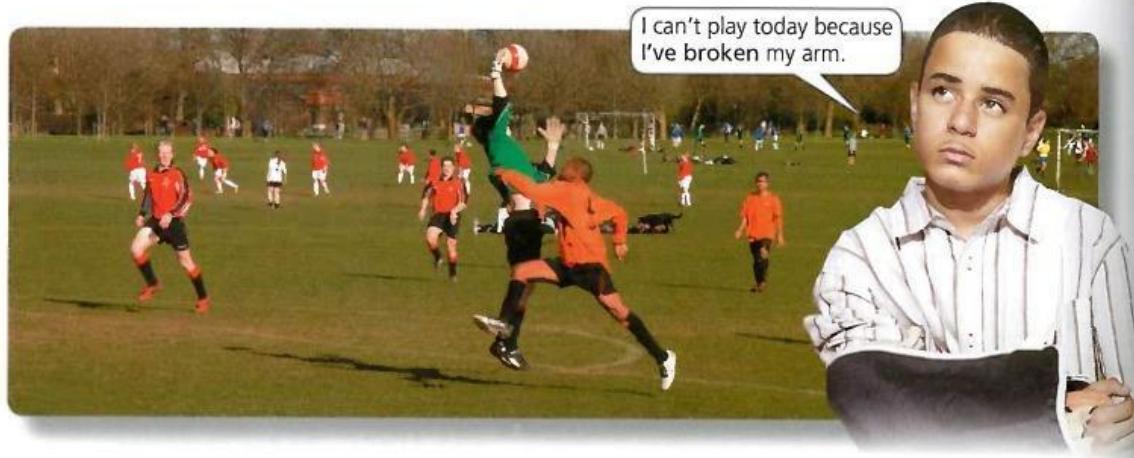


51 Present perfect with present results



1 Form

	REGULAR VERBS			IRREGULAR VERBS			
infinitive	visit	play	want	break	come	eat	have
past participle	visited	played	wanted	broken	come	eaten	had

Past participles are either regular (infinitive + *-ed*) or irregular.

2 Use

We use the present perfect

- to talk about things that happened a short time ago and that have a result now:
I've broken my leg. (It's broken now.)
Your sister has arrived. (She's here now.)
The post has come. (There's a letter for you.)
They've gone out. (They aren't here.)

With the past simple, the results are also in the past:

I broke my leg last year and didn't play football from August to October.
My sister arrived late and missed the beginning of the film.

- to introduce new information:
'Julian has passed his driving test.' 'Oh, that's good news!'
The US President has arrived in London.

When we give more details about these events, we use the past simple:

Julian has passed his driving test. He took it yesterday.
The US President has arrived in London. He flew here from Washington last night.

3 been and gone

Been is the past participle of *be*. *Gone* is the past participle of *go*:

I've been tired all day. (And I'm still tired now.)

Fran has gone to the doctor's. (And she's still there now.)



But we use *been* as the past participle of *go* when it means 'has gone and come back':

My parents have been to New Zealand. (They have visited it in the past and have returned.)

My parents have gone to New Zealand on holiday. (They are there now.)

Practice

1 Write the past participles of these verbs.

0 break <i>broken</i>	3 buy	6 eat	9 read
1 take	4 have	7 run	10 see
2 go	5 be	8 lose	

2 Complete these conversations with participles from Exercise 1.

0 A Hi, you look happy!
B Yes, we've just *been* on holiday. We had a great time!

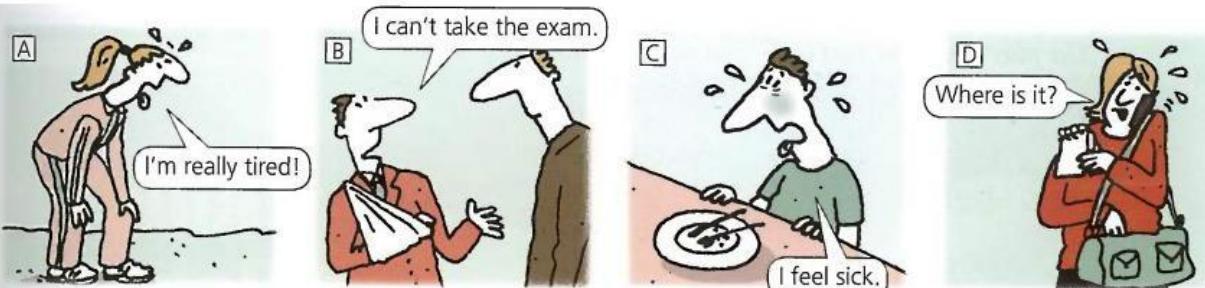
1 A What's wrong with Jake? He wasn't at school today.
B Well, he's *eaten* some bad food, I think. He feels ill and he's *gone* to bed!

2 A Jenny's unhappy because she's *bought* her bike.
B I know. Don't tell her yet, but I've *brought* her a new one.

3 A How good are your computer skills?
B Well, I've *done* several lessons and I've *had* two exams.

4 A Hi, Sam, it's me. Is something wrong? You weren't at the gym yesterday.
B Yes, I've *broken* my leg, I'm afraid.

3 Match the sentences with the pictures. Then complete them with the verbs in brackets () .



0 I *'ve been* to the dentist. (go) E

1 Harry *broke* his arm. (break)

2 Pat *painted* the door. (paint)

3 I *ran* ten kilometres. (run)

4 Louisa *lost* her pen. (lose)

5 Alex *ate* too much! (eat)



4 Write two sentences for each set of words below.

0 famous footballer / buy / a royal palace / pay £2 million for it
A famous footballer has bought a royal palace. He paid £2 million for it.

1 US President / arrive / in London / plane / land / two hours ago

2 TV star David Walliams / swim / English Channel for charity / take eleven hours

3 JK Rowling / write / a new book / finish it / twenty-four hours ago