

## 4A present perfect

1 I've cleaned the fridge – it looks new! 4.4  
He hasn't done the washing-up. Can you help me do it?  
A The concert starts soon. **Have** you turned off your phone?  
B Yes, I **have**.  
2 Mary's had her baby! A parcel **has arrived** for you.

1 We often use the present perfect to talk about the recent past and its relationship with the present, e.g. I've cleaned the fridge, so now it looks new. We don't say exactly when things happened, e.g. I've cleaned the fridge. **NOT** I've cleaned the fridge ten minutes ago.  
2 We often use the present perfect to give recent news.

full form	contraction	negative	past participle
I have	I've	I haven't	
You have	You've	You haven't	
He / She / It has	He / She / It's	He / She / It hasn't	
We have	We've	We haven't	
They have	They've	They haven't	

Have you finished the exercise? Yes, I **have**. / No, I **haven't**.  
Has he done the homework? Yes, he **has**. / No, he **hasn't**.

- For regular verbs the past participle is the same as the past simple (+ -ed). For irregular verbs the past participle is sometimes the same as the past simple (e.g. *buy, bought, bought*) and sometimes different (e.g. *do, did, done*). See **Irregular verbs** p.164.

## yet, just, already

1 A Have you finished your homework **yet**? 4.5  
B No, not **yet**. I haven't finished **yet**.  
2 My sister's **just** started a new job.  
3 A Do you want to see this film?  
B No, I've **already** seen it three times.

- We often use *yet, just, and already* with the present perfect.
- 1 We use *yet* + the present perfect in  and  sentences to ask if something has happened or to say if it hasn't happened. We put *yet* at the end of the sentence.
- 2 We use *just* in  sentences to say that something happened very recently. We put *just* before the main verb.
- 3 We use *already* in  sentences to say that something happened before now or earlier than expected. We put *already* before the main verb.

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## a Write sentences with the present perfect.

He / clean the car **He's cleaned the car.**  
1  She / buy a new jacket  
2  He / find a job **yet**  
3  / you speak to Mr Jackson  
4  We / find a fantastic hotel  
5  They / finish eating  
6  / you see Peter recently  
7  / you do your homework  
8  We / reply to their email **yet**

b Write sentences or questions with *yet, just, or already*.

He / arrive. (**already**) **He's already arrived.**  
1 I / have / breakfast. (**just**)  
2 / you / finish / your dinner? (**yet**)  
3 The film / start. (**already**)  
4 I / not meet / his girlfriend. (**yet**)  
5 They / get married. (**just**)  
6 You're too late. He / go / home. (**already**)  
7 We / speak / to him. (**just**)  
8 I / not read / his new book **yet**