Present perfect

Read the comments below. Which places do they mention? Which of these places would you like to visit? Why?

Bence 1 month ago
I'm from Budapest in Hungary and my parents and I have visited Slovakia many times. For us, Bratislava's only a short car journey away, so we can go there on day trips. We've been on some fun city breaks there, but, for me, the Slovak mountains are even better! My family has been snowboarding there five times and we've always had a brilliant time!

Valentina 9 days ago
You've probably heard of Iguazú Falls – the huge waterfalls between Brazil and Argentina. I've seen them twice, but I want to see them again! I've only travelled by plane there. It's a two-hour flight from Buenos Aires, but you can also get there by coach. I've always stayed in Puerto Iguazú because there are regular buses to the falls. There are beautiful walking tours in the park, but the best thing I've done there is the boat trip. The views were amazing!

We use the present perfect to talk about life experiences.

I have been to Egypt and I have seen the pyramids.

She has had three different jobs this year – she has worked as a waitress, a shop assistant and a secretary.

We also use it to talk about past events which have a result in the present. We don't say when the event happened – the exact time isn't important.

Gustav has eaten the whole chicken! (= There's no chicken left for me.)

We have packed our bags. (= The bags are packed now.)

We form the present perfect affirmative with *have / has* and the past participle of the main verb.

Affirmative		
Subject	*have / has*	Past participle
I	have	climbed the Eiffel Tower.
You	have	
He / She / It	has	
We	have	
They	have	

Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Oh no! Tom _____ (fall) off his bike.
2 I _____ (finish) my homework at last.
3 My parents _____ (go) to the shops.
4 I need an umbrella. It _____ (start) to rain.
5 You _____ (write) a very good story.
6 Maisie _____ (make) a chocolate cake.

Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verbs below.

be begin buy eat find have meet take

1 They _____ each other before.
2 I _____ a really awful day!
3 Paula _____ the bus to school today.
4 We _____ there before so we don't want to go again.
5 He told me he _____ an expensive new car.
6 You _____ your glasses! Where were they?
7 Shhh! The film _____!
8 I _____ at a Japanese restaurant once before but I didn't really like it.

Complete the situations with the phrases below. Use the present perfect form of the verbs.

do our homework lose my phone miss the bus
have their lunch pass her exams

1 Maya is happy because she _____.
2 I can't text because I _____.
3 We're relaxing because we _____.
4 They aren't hungry because they _____.
5 I'm going to be late because I _____.

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To form the present perfect negative, we add *not* after *have / has*. In spoken or informal written English, we use the short forms *haven't* or *hasn't*.

Negative		
Subject	***have / has + not***	**Past participle**
I	haven't	booked a holiday.
You	haven't	
He / She / It	hasn't	
We	haven't	
They	haven't	

We form present perfect questions by placing *have / has* before the subject.

Questions		
Have / Has	**Subject**	**Past participle**
Have	I	booked a holiday?
Have	you	
Has	he / she / it	
Have	we	
Have	they	

We make short answers with *have / has* in the affirmative and *have / has + not* in the negative.

Short answers	
Affirmative	**Negative**
Yes, I / you / we / they have.	No, I / you / we / they haven't.
Yes, he / she / it has.	No, he / she / it hasn't.

TIP

In positive short answers, we don't use short forms.
'Have you met my brother?' 'Yes, I have.' (NOT ~~Yes, I've.~~)

Complete the sentences with the correct present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Bruno _____ (not take) any photos.
2 I _____ (not pack) a sun hat.
3 _____ (you / bring) a camera?
4 Where are they? Where _____ (they / go)?
5 We _____ (not buy) many souvenirs.
6 _____ (Beate / visit) the museum?
7 Which activities _____ (you / do) today?
8 What _____ (Jin / tell) you about his holiday?

Complete the questions and short answers with the present perfect form of the verbs in brackets. Then match 1–5 to A–E.

1 _____ (you / ever / meet) a famous person? ☐
2 _____ (Sam / ever / swim) in the sea? ☐
3 _____ (you / arrange) a holiday for next year? ☐
4 _____ (your grandparents / ever / use) a computer? ☐
5 _____ (I / give) you my email address? ☐

A Yes, we _____. We're going to go to Italy.
B Yes, you _____. But I haven't got your phone number.
C No, he _____. He's never learned to swim.
D No, I _____. But I'd like to meet Ariana Grande.
E Yes, they _____. They love online shopping!

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