Present Perfect

(has/have +Verb (past participle)

Present Perfect is used:

To express a completed action connected with the present (already, ever, never, yet, lately, recently, just, so far, of late)

Example: She has **already** read that book.

1. She **recently** to Moscow. (be)
2. My brother **never** tennis. (play)
3. your brother **ever** tennis? (play)
4. I **just** washing the dishes. (finish)

For completed actions which happened at an unspecified time before the present.

Example: She has cooked some food for us. (The food is ready for us to eat now.)

1. She to London several times. (be)
2. She a new hat for her daughter's wedding. (buy)
3. I your book many times. (read)
4. Dave alongside two of the world's leading scientists. (work)

Things that started in the past and are still going on – action not completed.

Example: He has had his motorbike for the past five years. (He still has his motorbike)

1. They in that house for a very long time. (live) (They still live in that house – can also be used in the present perfect continuous)
2. They sick since Saturday. (be) The became sick on Saturday and they are still sick)
3. I in London for twenty years. (live) (I moved to London 20 years ago, and I still live here – can also be the present perfect continuous)
4. I that girl all my life. (love) (I still love her)

NB: **Stative verbs – be, know, love, etc cannot be used in the present perfect continuous tense i.e. We do not say, 'I have been being, I have been knowing' etc**

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