

Present Perfect Tense

Summary

You can use the **Present perfect** to talk about a past action that has a result now.

I have studied English for five years so now I can speak a lot.

The Present perfect has two parts: 'have/has' + past participle.

You can say 'just' to talk about something which happened a few moments ago and 'yet' if you know the person was going to do it:

I have just seen her. She has just left. Have you done your homework yet?

If you want to ask about 'any time in your life', you can say 'ever':

Have you ever seen a ghost?

See also the Language summaries in your Workbook.

1 Make some sentences

Put the verb into the Present perfect. Then match the two halves of each sentence.

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| 1 Sam
(finish) her exams ... | a so now we can go to the beach. |
| 2 David
(break) the window ... | b so now they can go to the cinema. |
| 3 Tara
(lose) her dictionary ... | c so now she's on holiday. |
| 4 Nellie and Vera
(clean) their bedroom ... | d so now they have to walk to school. |
| 5 It
(stop) raining ... | e so now she can't do her homework. |
| 6 They
(miss) the bus ... | f so now his parents are angry. |

2 In the Arctic

Harry Beaumont is crossing the Arctic on skis with two other people. You can talk to him on the phone.



YOU: to the Arctic before? (be)

HARRY: Oh, yes. I have been here three times before.

YOU: How long on this expedition? (be)

HARRY: We started nine days ago, but it hasn't been easy.

YOU: Why? What? (happen)

HARRY: Well, one of the team has had an accident – he fell over on the ice.

YOU: he the expedition? (leave)

HARRY: Yes, he has. He went home yesterday.

YOU: Oh, dear. What the weather like? (be)

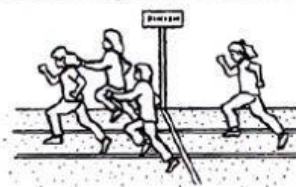
HARRY: It's been very cold – minus 50°C in the tents!

YOU: you any animals? (see)

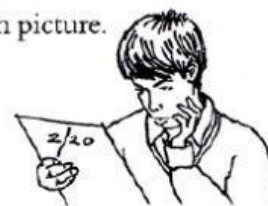
HARRY: Yes, we saw a polar bear yesterday. We hid in our tents!

3 What haven't they done?

Write a negative sentence for each picture.



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b



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