

# Present perfect tense

## Keywords:

- Before: trước đây
- Ever: đã từng
- Never: chưa từng, không bao giờ
- For + quãng thời gian: trong khoảng (for years, for a long time,...)
- Since + mốc thời gian: từ khi (since 2001,...)
- Yet: chưa (dùng trong câu phủ định và câu nghi vấn)
- ...the first/ second...time : lần đầu tiên/ thứ hai..
- Just = Recently = Lately: gần đây, vừa mới
- Already: rồi
- So far = Until now = Up to now = Up to the present: cho đến bây giờ

## I. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verbs (Present perfect tense)

1. She (be) ..... at her computer for eight hours.
2. Hannah (not/have) ..... any fun a long time.
3. My grandfather (not/ play) ..... any sport since last year.
4. You'd better have a shower. You (not/have) ..... one since Monday.
5. I don't live with my family now and we (not/see) ..... each other for ten years.
6. I..... just (realize)..... that there are only three weeks to the end of the semester.
7. Anna (finish) ..... reading three books this month.
8. How long..... (you/know)..... each other?
9. ....(You/ take)..... many photographs?
10. Jack (eat)..... at the Sheraton Hotel yet?

## II. Complete these sentences using the available words.

1. Our family/ not eat/ out/ since/ dad's birthday.  
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2. How/ long/ Chris/ live/ there?  
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3. You/ ever/ been/ China?

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4. Laura/ not/ meet/ children/ last summer.

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5. Your uncle/ repair/ lamps/ yet?

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**III. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verbs (Present perfect tense and present continuous)**

1. My father (not/ play) ..... any sport since last year.

2. Some people (attend)..... the meeting right now.

3. I'd better have a shower. I (not/have) .....one since Thursday.

4. I don't live with my family now and we (not/see) .....each other for five years.

5. Where is your mother? She.....(have) dinner in the kitchen.

6. Why are all these people here? What (happen).....?

7. I..... just (realize)..... that there are only four weeks to the end of term.

8. She (finish) ..... reading two books this week.

9. At present, he (compose).....a piece of music.

10. We (have).....dinner in a restaurant right now.

**IV. Use these verbs below to rewrite the sentences with present perfect tense.**

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| Arrive – break – fall – go – up – grow – improve – lose |
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- Example: Tom is looking for his key. He can't find it.  
= *Tom has lost his key.*

1. Lisa can't walk and her leg is in plaster.

Lisa .....

2. Last week the bus fare was £1 .80. Now it is £2.

The bus fare .....

3. Maria's English wasn't very good. Now it is better.

Her English .....

4. Dan didn't have a beard before. Now he has a beard.

Dan .....

5. This morning I was expecting a letter. Now I have it.

The letter .....

6. The temperature was 20 degrees. Now it is only 12.

The .....

**V. Find a mistake in each sentence and correct it.**

1. I haven't cutted my hair since last June

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2. She has not working as a teacher for almost 5 years.

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3. The lesson haven't started yet.

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4. Has the cat eat yet?

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5. I am worried that I still hasn't finished my homework yet.

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6. I have just decided to start working next week.

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7. He has been at his computer since seven hours.

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8. She hasn't received any good news since a long time.

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9. My father hasn't played any sport for last year.

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10. I'd better have a shower. I haven't had one since Thursday.

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**VI. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verbs (Present perfect tense and simple past tense)**

1. When.....you.....this wonderful skirt? (to design)
2. My mother.....into the van. (not/ to crash)
3. The boys.....the mudguards of their bicycles. (to take off)
4. ....you.....your aunt last week? (to phone)
5. He.....milk at school. (not/ to drink)
6. The police.....two people early this morning. (to arrest)
7. She.....to Japan but now she.....back. (to go – to come)
8. Dan.....two tablets this year. (already/ to buy)
9. How many games.....so far this season? (your team/ to win)
10. I.....Peter since I.....last Tuesday. (not/ see - arrive)
11. Frank.....his bike last May. So he.....it for 4 months. (get - have)
12. ....your homework yet? – Yes, I.....it an hour ago. (you/ do - finish)

**VII. Change these sentences from present perfect tense to simple past tense.**

1. She hasn't written to me since March.

-> The last time ...

2. Mrs. Spark has taught the children in that remote village for two years

-> Mrs. Spark started ...

3. Tom and Eric have been married for seven years.

-> It's seven years ...

4. He hasn't written to me for years.

-> It's years ...

5. He hasn't had a swim for four years.

-> He last ...