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GRAMMAR

Present perfect: affirmative *I've lost my watch.*

- We use present perfect when we describe a very recent event in the past without an exact time.

*The film **has started**.*

- We often explain a present situation by saying what happened before it. We do not mention an exact time.

*Why are you late? **I've lost** my watch.*

The past action (losing the watch) has a result in the present (I'm late).

- We use the present perfect when we talk about our experiences in the past and do not mention an exact time.

***I've lived** in fifteen different countries.*

- We form the present perfect with **have/has + past participle**

***I've finished** my homework.*

*Anna **has lost** her watch.*

Regular verbs

With regular verbs, the past participle is the same as the past simple.

<i>I have started</i>	<i>he has started</i>	<i>we have started</i>
<i>I've started</i>	<i>he's started</i>	<i>we've started</i>
<i>you have started</i>	<i>she has started</i>	<i>they have started</i>
<i>you've started</i>	<i>she's started</i>	<i>they've started</i>
	<i>it has started</i>	
	<i>it's started</i>	

Irregular verbs

Each irregular verb has its own past participle. Sometimes the participle is the same as the past simple, sometimes it has a different form.

Verb	Past simple	Past participle
<i>eat</i>	<i>ate</i>	<i>eaten</i>
<i>leave</i>	<i>left</i>	<i>left</i>
<i>drink</i>	<i>drank</i>	<i>drunk</i>

- There is a list of irregular verbs on page 248.

GRAMMAR 15 PRESENT PERFECT: AFFIRMATIVE

1 Complete each sentence with *has/have* and a participle from the box.

broken	bought	~~eaten~~	finished	found
lost	taken	written	happened	left

- My dog *has eaten* my sandwich!
- Helen her bag.
- I'm sorry. I your pen.
- Where's my dictionary? Someone it!
- We're too late. The programme
- Tina isn't here. She
- The police are outside the school! Something awful
- I your book! Here it is!
- Jack five letters.
- I some new shoes. Do you like them?

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

- Harry (do) *has done* the housework.
- Kate and Bill (find) a new flat.
- Nick (send) an email.
- I (decide) to learn Japanese.
- Sam and Dave (eat) all the sandwiches.
- Carlos (buy) a dog.
- Maria and Helen (start) at a new school.
- Frances (break) her cup.
- I (lose) my umbrella.
- Max (take) the dog for a walk.

3 Complete each sentence with the present perfect form of a verb from the box.

arrive copy have make ~~miss~~ phone read see spend wash

- Oh no! That's the last bus, and we *have missed* it.
- Carol all the Harry Potter books. She likes them a lot!
- I haven't got any more money. I all of it!
- I an idea! Let's go to Big Burger's!
- Your homework is the same as Jack's. I think you it!
- Maria her hair, and she's looking for the hairdryer.
- Hurry up, Carol. Your taxi It's waiting outside.
- I'm sorry I (not) the travel agent. I've been very busy.
- I all the *Lord of the Rings* films five times.
- Read this again. You some mistakes.

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GRAMMAR



Present perfect: negative *I haven't visited China.* and questions *Have you started?*

Negatives

I haven't visited China before. This is the first time.

I have not found my car keys. I'm still looking for them.

have not = *haven't* *has not* = *hasn't*

Regular		Irregular	
<i>I haven't started</i>	<i>we haven't started</i>	<i>I haven't eaten</i>	<i>we haven't eaten</i>
<i>you haven't started</i>	<i>they haven't started</i>	<i>you haven't eaten</i>	<i>they haven't eaten</i>
<i>he hasn't started</i>		<i>he hasn't eaten</i>	
<i>she hasn't started</i>		<i>she hasn't eaten</i>	
<i>it hasn't started</i>		<i>it hasn't eaten</i>	

Questions

Have you started your homework?

Yes, I've finished it!

Have you ever visited Cairo?

Yes, I've been there twice.

Regular		Irregular	
<i>Have I started?</i>	<i>Have we started?</i>	<i>Have I eaten?</i>	<i>Have we eaten?</i>
<i>Have you started?</i>	<i>Have they started?</i>	<i>Have you eaten?</i>	<i>Have they eaten?</i>
<i>Has he started?</i>		<i>Has he eaten?</i>	
<i>Has she started?</i>		<i>Has she eaten?</i>	
<i>Has it started?</i>		<i>Has it eaten?</i>	

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GRAMMAR 16 PRESENT PERFECT: NEGATIVE AND QUESTIONS

- 1** Read Nick's list of 'Things to Do' for his holiday. Write questions about it. Use the words in brackets.



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|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1 (hotel) | Has he booked the hotel? |
| 2 (Tim) | |
| 3 (map) | |
| 4 (suitcase) | |
| 5 (timetable) | |
| 6 (guide book) | |
| 7 (ticket) | |
| 8 (clothes) | |

- 2** Read Nick's list. Write statements and negative sentences.

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|----------------|------------------------|
| 1 (hotel) | He's booked the hotel. |
| 2 (Tim) | |
| 3 (map) | |
| 4 (suitcase) | |
| 5 (timetable) | |
| 6 (guide book) | |
| 7 (ticket) | |
| 8 (clothes) | |

- 3** Complete this letter. Use the correct verb form of the words in brackets.

Dear Mum and Dad,
we (1) have enjoyed (enjoy) our holiday so far. We
(2) (not do) any sightseeing. We
(3) (spend) a lot of time on the beach.
Luckily, it (4) (not rain). Tim
(5) (learn) wind-surfing. I
(6) (not try) it. I think it's dangerous!
(7) (you receive) my other postcards?
Love, Nick