



# THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

## PRESENT PERFECT USES and STRUCTURE

### USES OF THE PRESENT PERFECT

Use the present perfect for:

-Actions in the past but we don't mention when we did them.

\*I have been to England.

-Actions in the past with a result connected to the present.

\*I have lost my keys.

-Actions in the past that are still true in the present.

\*I've been married for ten years and I'm so happy.

-For experiences: Use ever/never or just to talk about experiences.

I've never been to Australia.

### SENTENCE STRUCTURE

#### AFFIRMATIVE

I/you/we/they have worked.

He/she/it has worked.

#### NEGATIVE

I/you/we/they haven't worked.

He/she/it hasn't worked.

#### INTERROGATIVE

Have I/you/we/they worked?

Has he/she/it worked?

#### SHORT ANSWERS

Yes, I/you/we/they have.

No, he/she/it hasn't.

### LONG AND SHORT FORMS

I have been to Paris.

I've been to Paris.

You have not played tennis.

You haven't played tennis.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Person

She has been to London.

She's been to London.

Peter has not written a book.

Peter hasn't written a book.

## EVER/NEVER

### PRESENT PERFECT: EXPERIENCES

**EVER** Use it for interrogative sentences to ask if something has happened in your life until now.

\*Have you ever seen this film?

\*Have you ever been to Paris?

**NEVER** Use it to say that something hasn't happened at any time up to the present.

\*I have never been to Japan.

\*Tim has never worked in a factory.

## JUST

### FOR VERY RECENT ACTIONS

**JUST**: We use just to talk about a very recent action which has happened a short time ago. Look at the following examples.

\*-'It's cold here.'

-'Don't worry, I have just closed the window.'

\*-'Mary, are you coming?'

-'Yes, I have just finished my homework'.

## GONE OR BEEN

Where's Sally?

She's not here. She's **gone** to Paris on holiday.



Sally's gone to Paris. This means she is not here now. Use **GONE** when the person is still away.

One week later....

Where's Sally?

She'll soon be here. She's **been** to Paris but she came back yesterday.



Sally has been to Paris. She came back yesterday. She's here now. Use **BEEN** when the person is back.



# Exercises to practise



## Exercise 1 Write the sentences using the present perfect.

1-I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) this film once.  
 2-Carol \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) her bedroom.  
 3-Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (break) his leg.  
 4-She \_\_\_\_\_ (not call) her mother.  
 5-I \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) bread for days.  
 6-They \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to Italy twice.  
 7-Jim \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) his car.  
 8-Tina \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) her hair.  
 9-\_\_\_\_\_ (you-see) Jim today?  
 10-Liam \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) his keys.  
 11-Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ (not miss) the bus.  
 12-We \_\_\_\_\_ (not play) golf today.

## Exercise 2 Make questions using EVER

Example: play-golf

**Have you ever played golf?**

1-be-to Africa.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 2-see-a French movie?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 3-wear-a hat  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 4-lose-your passport  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 5-miss-a plane  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 6-eat-spaghetti  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 7-write-a book  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 8-buy-a house  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

## Exercise 4 Fill the gaps using GONE or BEEN

Dialogues

**Tim:** Hi Sam. I haven't seen you for two weeks. Where have you \_\_\_\_\_?

**Sam:** Oh, I've \_\_\_\_\_ to Portugal.

**Sarah:** (on the phone) Hello, this is Sarah here. Can I speak to Lisa?

**Lisa's mum:** I'm afraid not. Lisa has \_\_\_\_\_ to France. She'll be back tomorrow.

**Dad:** Where's Albert? He was here a minute ago.

**Mum:** Oh, he's \_\_\_\_\_ to the shops. He won't be long.

**Linda:** I've heard you've \_\_\_\_\_ to New York. Was it nice?

**Rob:** Yes, it was fantastic.

## Exercise 3 Rewrite the sentences using JUST

1-Mary has arrived.  
**Mary has just arrived.**

2-My aunt has phoned.

3-I have finished my homework.

4-Rob and I have had an argument.

5-They have cleaned their car.

6-Carla has done the washing up.

7-He has learnt a new word.

8-I have had a sandwich.

9-My dog has barked.

## Exercise 5 Choose the correct option.

1-**Have/has** Tim ever been to Rome?

2-I've **ever/never** met a celebrity.

3-Jon **have/has** never worn glasses.

4-My friend **wrote/has written** two books.

5-**Have/has** they ever bought a flat?

6-Tom's not here. He's **gone/been** to Brazil

7-Hi Marc! I have **gone/been** to Ireland.

8-Have you **ever/never** broken your arm?

9-I have **ever/never** drunk tea.

10-**Have/has** she found her purse?

11-Have **they/she** read the newspaper?

12-Jill **has/have** learnt French.

13-Tom has **win/won** the lottery.

14-We have **ever/never** been here before.

15-Have you ever **gone/been** to the opera?

16-Tom and I **have/has** never flown before.

17-He won't answer the phone because he's **been/gone** to Scotland for the weekend.