

A Present perfect simple (1) ever, never

	I / you / we / they	he / she / it
+	I've been to Brazil.	She's been to Italy once.
-	We haven't seen <i>Shrek</i> 3.	He hasn't spoken to me.
?	Have they arrived?	Has it rained recently?
✓	Yes, they have.	Yes, it has.
✗	No, haven't.	No, it hasn't.

- We form the Present perfect with **have/has** + the past participle. In spoken English we usually use the contracted form **'ve/s**.
- The past participle of regular verbs is the same as the Past simple form, for example, **work – worked**. However, irregular verbs also have irregular past participles. For example,
be – was – been, see – saw – seen,
do – did – done, make – made – made.

- We use the Present perfect to talk about past actions or experiences in our lives, but we don't specify when they happened. We often use it with the adverbs **recently** and **once, twice**, etc.

I've been to Argentina.

NOT I've been to Argentina last year.

I've seen Robbie Williams in concert twice.

- We often use the Present perfect with **ever** in questions and **never** in negative sentences with an affirmative verb.

Have you ever seen the Queen?

No, I've never seen the Queen.

- Note the difference between **been** and **gone**.

She's been to New York. (= She was in New York, but now she's back.)

She's gone to New York. (= She's in New York or on her way there.)

B Present perfect simple (2) already, just, still, yet

+	I've already finished. She's just arrived.
?	Has he arrived yet?
-	We haven't finished yet.
-	They still haven't arrived.

- We use **already** in affirmative sentences to say that something happened before now.

- We use **just** in affirmative sentences to say that something has happened very recently.

- We use **yet** in questions to ask about something that we expect to happen. We use **(not...) yet** in negative sentences to say that something we expected to happen hasn't happened.

- We use **still** in negative sentences with the same meaning as **yet**.

C Present perfect simple (3) How long...?, for, since

How long have you been here?
I've been here for three hours. / I've been here since 3 p.m.
How long has he known her?
He's known her for six months. / He's known her since March.

- We use the Present perfect with **How long...?, for** and **since** to talk about situations which started in

the past and continue in the present. We use **for** to indicate the duration of the situation and **since** to indicate when the situation began in the past.



Unlike Italian, in English we do not use the Present simple with **for** and **since** to describe continuing situations.

I've known her for years. NOT ~~I know her for years.~~

D Present perfect simple vs Past simple

Present perfect	Past simple
Have you met the new teacher?	Yes, I met him yesterday.
I haven't seen the film yet.	I saw the film on Friday.
Have you spoken to John?	Did you speak to John last night?
She still hasn't done her homework.	She did her homework this morning.

- We use the Present perfect when we talk about an action in the past, but we don't specify the time.
- We use the Past simple when we talk about an action in the past, and we specify the time (**two hours ago, yesterday, last week**).

- We use the Present perfect with **How long...?, for** and **since** when the situation or action, or period of time is not finished. We can use the Past simple with **How long...?** and **for** and **from... to** when the time is finished and the action is completed.

How long have you lived in London?

I've lived in London for several years/since 2005.
(= I still live in London.)

How long did you live in London?

I lived in London for ten years/from 1995 to 2005.
(= Now I live somewhere else.)

A Present perfect simple (1) ever, never

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the Present perfect of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I can't find my purse. (lose)
I have lost my purse.
- 2 Gerry can't remember the time of the interview. (forget)
Gerry _____
- 3 Amy is on her way to school. (go)
Amy _____
- 4 I don't know that man. (never/meet)
I _____
- 5 There's something wrong with my dad's leg. (break)
My dad _____

2 Write the questions for the answers using the words in brackets.

- 1 A (ever/see/a snake)
Have you ever seen a snake?
- B No I haven't – only on TV.
- 2 A (How many times/Jill/move/house) _____?
- B Five times!
- 3 A (ever/sing/a solo) _____?
- B Once at primary school, when I was five.
- 4 A (be/cold/recently) _____?
- B No it hasn't. The weather's been lovely.

B Present perfect simple (2) already, just, still, yet

3 Put the adverbs in the correct place in the sentences or questions. Write in your exercise book.

- 1 Have you had dinner? (yet)
Have you had dinner yet?
- 2 Their plane hasn't taken off. (still)
- 3 This letter has arrived for you. (just)
- 4 I've seen this film. (already)
- 5 We haven't met the new boss. (yet)
- 6 Mary's told me she's getting married! (just)

4 Complete the sentences with *already*, *just*, *still* or *yet*.

- 1 I've already passed my driving test. I don't need lessons.
- 2 Those boys haven't apologised _____.
- 3 Victoria _____ hasn't phoned me.
- 4 Guess what? Simon's _____ said he's leaving home.
- 5 Have you found your glasses _____?
- 6 We've _____ been on holiday this year.

C Present perfect simple (3) How long...?, for, since

5 Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*.

- 1 I've had a horrible cold since Friday.
- 2 We've lived in this house _____ three years.
- 3 Dan's known Alice _____ they were kids.
- 4 Have you been here _____ 8 o'clock?
- 5 I've been on a diet _____ five long months.
- 6 They've had their dog _____ a long time.

6 Correct the sentences.

- 1 I ~~knew~~ you for 5 years. You're great! I've known
- 2 We don't see her since last week. _____
- 3 She played tennis since she was 8. _____
- 4 They've lived in Rome since ages. _____
- 5 How long are you here? _____
- 6 He worked for that company for six years and now he's the manager. _____

D Present perfect simple vs Past simple

7 Complete the sentences and questions with the Present perfect or Past simple form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 When did you buy (you/buy) that CD?
- 2 _____ (you/ever/go) to a concert?
- 3 Luckily, I _____ (never/break) my leg.
- 4 He's tired. He _____ (stay up) late last night.
- 5 _____ (you/ever/eat) fish and chips?
- 6 She _____ (leave) home 4 years ago.

8 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 Have you spent did you spend your pay yet?
- 2 He still hasn't found/didn't find a job.
- 3 Did he go/Has he gone yesterday?
- 4 Who did you see/have you seen last night?
- 5 I've already given/gave you £20. That's enough!
- 6 A You look very smart.
B I've just had/just had a job interview.
- 7 I haven't done/didn't do the shopping yet.
- 8 We went/'ve been to Africa three years ago.