

4A present perfect

- 1 I've **cleaned** the fridge – it looks new!  4.4
He **hasn't done** the washing-up. Can you help me do it?
A The concert starts soon. **Have** you **turned off** your phone?
B Yes, I **have**.
- 2 Mary's **had** her baby! A parcel **has arrived** for you.

1 We often use the present perfect to talk about the recent past and its relationship with the present, e.g. *I've cleaned the fridge, so now it looks new.* We don't say exactly when things happened, e.g. *I've cleaned the fridge.* **NOT** *I've cleaned the fridge ten minutes ago.*

2 We often use the present perfect to give recent news.

full form	contraction	negative	past participle
I have	I've	I haven't	finished the washing-up.
You have	You've	You haven't	
He / She / It has	He / She / It's	He / She / It hasn't	
We have	We've	We haven't	
They have	They've	They haven't	
Have you finished the exercise?		Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.	
Has he done the homework?		Yes, he has. / No, he hasn't.	

- For regular verbs the past participle is the same as the past simple (+ -ed). For irregular verbs the past participle is sometimes the same as the past simple (e.g. *buy, bought, bought*) and sometimes different (e.g. *do, did, done*). See **Irregular verbs** p.164.

yet, just, already

- 1 A Have you finished your homework **yet**?  4.5
B No, not **yet**. I haven't finished **yet**.
- 2 My sister's **just** started a new job.
- 3 A Do you want to see this film?
B No, I've **already** seen it three times.

- We often use **yet**, **just**, and **already** with the present perfect.
 - We use **yet** + the present perfect in ☐ and ☐ sentences to ask if something has happened or to say if it hasn't happened. We put **yet** at the end of the sentence.
 - We use **just** in ☐ sentences to say that something happened very recently. We put **just** before the main verb.
 - We use **already** in ☐ sentences to say that something happened before now or earlier than expected. We put **already** before the main verb.

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a Write sentences with the present perfect.

- ☐ He / clean the car *He's cleaned the car.*
- 1 ☐ She / buy a new jacket
- 2 ☐ He / find a job yet
- 3 ☐ / you speak to Mr Jackson
- 4 ☐ We / find a fantastic hotel
- 5 ☐ They / finish eating
- 6 ☐ / you see Peter recently
- 7 ☐ / you do your homework
- 8 ☐ We / reply to their email yet

b Write sentences or questions with **yet**, **just**, or **already**.

- He / arrive. (already) *He's already arrived.*
- 1 I / have / breakfast. (just)
- 2 / you / finish / your dinner? (yet)
- 3 The film / start. (already)
- 4 I / not meet / his girlfriend. (yet)
- 5 They / get married. (just)
- 6 You're too late. He / go / home. (already)
- 7 We / speak / to him. (just)
- 8 I / not read / his new book ☐ yet