

3 A celebration

The present perfect with *since, for, already, just, yet and before*
The past simple and present perfect



Mayor Well done, Ryan!

Ryan Thank you.

Mayor Have you **won** any prizes for your paintings before?

Ryan No, but I've **painted** pictures since I **was** four years old.

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Since and for

We use **since** + a point in time, such as a day, date or time. We use **for** + a period of time. Phrases with **for** and **since** go at the end of a sentence.

I've been at this school for two years.

I've been at this school since 2008.

We use **just** to talk about something that has happened very recently.

I've just seen him.

We use **yet** in questions and negatives to ask if something that we're waiting for has happened.

Have you tried any of the food yet?

We use **before** to talk about any time in the past up to now.

I've never been to an art gallery before.



We put **already** and **just** before the main verb in a sentence. We put **yet** and **before** at the end of a sentence.

Already, just, yet and before

We can use the present perfect with **already, just, yet** and **before**, to give more information about when something happened.

We use **already** to talk about something that has happened before we expected it to.

They've already finished their lunch.

1 Match 1–9 with a–i.

It is 3 p.m. on Saturday 14th October 2010.

1 d since 1st October 2010

a for four months

2 since June 2010

b for a few hours

3 for half an hour

c since 2007

4 for three years

d for two weeks

5 since three o'clock yesterday

e for one day

6 since last Sunday

f for six days

7 since this morning

g since Thursday

8 for eleven months

h since 2.30 p.m.

9 for three days

i since November 2009

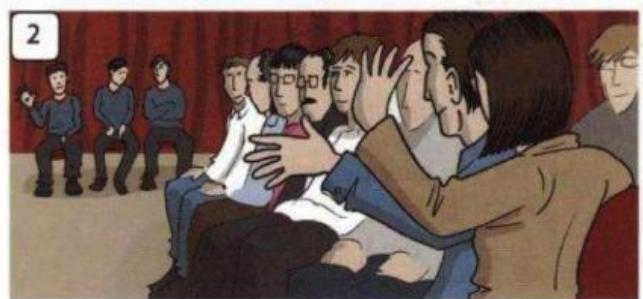
2 Write the words in the correct order to make sentences. Use the present perfect.

- 1 yet / Katie's party / yet / not start Katie's party hasn't started yet.
- 2 already / Suzy / go / to the dentist _____
- 3 already / Billy / meet / Ted _____
- 4 yet / Clare / not pick up / Lucy _____
- 5 before / Mum / take / Lewis to the park _____
- 6 yet / Penny / not buy / a present for Judy _____
- 7 already / Gary / see / Fin _____
- 8 before / William / go to the zoo _____

3 Look at the pictures. Write sentences with the present perfect and **just**.



Ryan's parents / arrive Ryan's parents have just arrived.



Ryan's mum and dad / see / Ryan _____



The Mayor / give Ryan / the trophy _____



Ryan / say / 'thank you' to the Mayor _____



The photographer / take a photo _____



Ryan / leave / the stage _____

Music festival

Every year there is a music festival in London. For one day every year, there are no lessons so that everyone can go and listen to the music - or play an instrument. Lily Parsons interviewed Ted Allen about taking part.

Lily **Have you been to the festival before?**

Ted **My class mates and I have been to the festival every year since we started school. I've always wanted to play or sing.**

Lily **Do you play a musical instrument?**

Ted **Yes, I do. I've played the guitar for three years, but this year, I played in the festival for the first time. My class friends all sang along.**

Lily **Were you nervous?**

Ted **Yes, I was really nervous before we performed our song, but I played well and my friends sang beautifully.**

Lily **Did you win a prize?**

Ted **No, we didn't win a prize this year, but I had a lot of fun! Maybe we'll win next year!**



The past simple and present perfect

We use the past simple to talk about something that started and ended in the past.

I bought some new shoes at the market.

We usually use a time expression with the past simple. For example, **yesterday**, **last** and **ago** with the past simple.

They came back from Cairo yesterday evening.

We use the present perfect to talk about something that happened in the past but which is still important now.

I've borrowed your pen.

When we use the present perfect, we often don't say when the action happened.

She's passed her test.

4 Read the sentences. Is the second statement true or false? Write **T** or **F**.

1	Carla's lost her bracelet.	Carla doesn't have her bracelet now.	T
2	My brother's gone to Italy.	My brother isn't in Italy now.	
3	Mum's opened the window.	The window is open now.	
4	Grandma's been to the bank.	Grandma is at the bank now.	
5	Billy caught the bus to school yesterday.	Billy is on the bus now.	
6	Tanya's taken Rob to the park.	Rob's at the park now.	
7	They've brought food for the picnic.	The picnic has finished.	
8	Nigel ate all the picnic food.	There is no more food for the picnic.	

5 Match questions 1–10 with answers a–j.

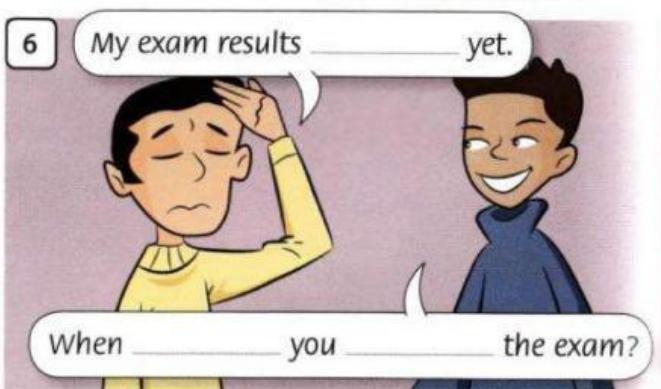
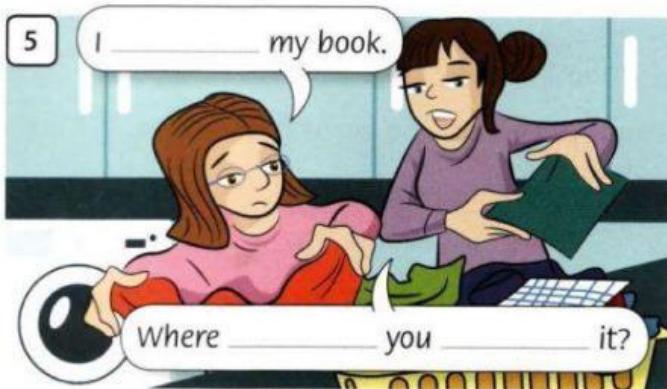
1	_____ Where did you go this morning?	a Yes, I did.
2	_____ Has Ted called?	b Yes, they have.
3	_____ Did you catch the train?	c I went into town.
4	_____ Was there a photographer at the performance?	d No, we haven't.
5	_____ Who's left this bag here?	e Yes, I did. I feel ill.
6	_____ Did Jess and Jamie like the play?	f Yes, there was.
7	_____ Have we spent all our money?	g Yes, they did.
8	_____ Did Jason play football with you?	h I have.
9	_____ Did you have too much to eat?	i No, he didn't.
10	_____ Have any famous people ever visited your school?	j No, he hasn't.

6 Complete the text. Use the past simple or the present perfect of the verbs in brackets.

I ¹'ve lived _____ (live) in London with my family all my life. My parents ² _____ (be) born here as well. However, my grandparents ³ _____ (come) from Ireland. They ⁴ _____ (move) to London in 1950. Since then, neither of my grandparents ⁵ _____ (go) back to Ireland, although they still call it their 'home'. They ⁶ _____ (not lose) their Irish accents. Mum and Dad ⁷ _____ (go) to Ireland lots of times, and when I was 10, they ⁸ _____ (take) me with them for the first time.

7 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with the past simple or the present perfect of the verbs in the box.

start/be hurt/happen lose/leave invite/not send
not arrive/do see/not see do/play visit/go



8 Complete the postcard and the email. Use the past simple or the present perfect of the verbs in brackets.

Hi Cara,

Hello from Spain! We ¹arrived (arrive) here last week, and we ²visited (visit) a lot of places since then. My favourite place was Barcelona. Everyone here speaks Spanish, so I ³learned (learn) some words to ask for things in shops. I ⁴tried (try) to order our meal in a restaurant last night, but the waiter ⁵didn't understand (not understand)! I'll have to study harder! We ⁶already bought (already buy) lots of souvenirs. I ⁷bought (buy) you a great present yesterday in Madrid. I'll give it to you when we get back home.

Take care, Marion

Hi Lewis,

How are you? It ⁸hasn't been (not be) very hot here since you ⁹moved (move) to California. ¹⁰Is it (it be) sunny there since you ¹¹arrived (arrive)? Tell me your news! The exams at school ¹²finished (finish) and the teacher ¹³told (tell) us our results. Everyone ¹⁴passed (pass). In fact, everyone ¹⁵got (get) really good marks. ¹⁶Have you (you receive) your marks in the post yet? What ¹⁷are you (you get)? I can't wait to come and visit you. I ¹⁸booked (book) my flight to America two days ago. I'm arriving in four weeks. ¹⁹Are you (you plan) what we're going to do yet? Can we go to the beach? See you soon, Ethan

P.S. I ²⁰attached (attach) a photo of our class so you can remember us all!

9 Write questions with the past simple and the present perfect. Then write answers about yourself.

1 already / eat lunch / you?

2 you / to school / yesterday / go?

3 yet / you / have breakfast?

4 you / play football / today / already?

5 you / live / in your house / since last year?