

Present Perfect

Explanation

What is the Present Perfect?

We use the present perfect to talk about life experiences, recent or expected actions, and actions that started in the past and continue in the present.

Form:

Subject + have / has + past participle

We use the past participle of the verb.

- Regular verbs end in – ed (visited, studied, finished).
- Some verbs are irregular (eaten, gone, seen, done).

Examples:

I have visited my grandmother.

She has studied English.

We have eaten lunch.

He has been to Bogotá.



1. Life Experiences (Have you ever...?)

We use the present perfect to talk about experiences in our life. We do not say exactly when the action happened.

We often use:

- ever in questions
- never in negative sentences

Examples:

Have you ever traveled by plane?

I have never eaten sushi.

2. Recent or Expected Actions (Already / Yet)

We use the present perfect to talk about actions that happened recently or actions we expect to happen.

- already is used in affirmative sentences.
- yet is used in questions and negative sentences.

Examples:

I have already finished my homework.

Have you done your homework yet?

I haven't finished it yet.

3. Connection Between Past and Present (For / Since)

We use the present perfect to talk about actions that started in the past and continue now.

- for is used with a period of time.
- since is used with a specific point in time.

Examples:

I have lived here for three years.

She has studied English since 2022.

Exercises

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with have or has.

1. I ___ visited Medellín.
2. She ___ finished her homework.
3. They ___ seen that movie.
4. He ___ never traveled by plane.

Exercise 2: Choose the correct word (already / yet).

1. I have ___ done my homework.
2. Have you cleaned your room ___?
3. She hasn't called me ___.
4. We have ___ eaten dinner.

Exercise 3: Write for or since.

1. I have studied English ___ two years.
2. He has lived here ___ 2020.

3. We have known her ____ a long time.
4. She has worked there ____ last month.

Exercise 4: Answer the questions.

1. Have you ever eaten pizza?

Yes, I ____ / No, I ____

2. Have you ever traveled to another city?

Yes, I ____ / No, I ____

Exercise 5: Put the verbs in parentheses in the present perfect.

1. She _____ (finish) her homework.
2. We _____ (not / see) that movie yet.
3. They _____ (live) here for five years.
4. Have you ever _____ (ride) a bike?