

Points to remember

- ④ My sister loves cats. ✓
She loves cats. ✓
~~My sister she loves cats.~~
(Only one subject in each sentence.)
- ④ There is a book on the table.
It is Susan's.
(Use **there** when mentioning sth for the first time.
Use **it** for sth already mentioned.)
- ④ They **don't have** a car. ✓ (have = own)
They **haven't got** a car. ✓ (have got = own)
~~They don't have got a car.~~
~~They haven't a car.~~
- ④ He has a bath every morning. ✓ (have = take)
He **doesn't have** a bath every morning. ✓
~~He has got a bath every morning.~~
- ④ James **didn't use to** smoke so much. ✓
~~James didn't used to smoke so much.~~
(did/didn't + bare infinitive)
- ④ I **do speak** French. ✓ (emphasis)
He **does eat** snails. ✓
They **did buy** a house. ✓
~~We did saw the thief.~~
(do/does/did + bare infinitive)
- ④ She **has gone** to Italy. (She is still there.)
She **has been** to Italy. (She has returned.)
- ④ I **bought** this bike two years ago. ✓
(Past Simple + ago)
~~I have bought this bike two years ago.~~
~~I bought this bike two years before.~~
I **have had** this bike for two years. ✓
(Present Perfect + for)
~~I have this bike for two years.~~
I **have had** this bike since 1998. ✓
(Present Perfect + since + time)
I **have had** this bike **since** I was sixteen. ✓
(Present Perfect + since + Past Simple)
~~I have had this bike since two years ago.~~
(Only one time word in each sentence.)
- ④ I **haven't studied** for a week. (refers to the past: The last time I studied was a week ago.)
I **have to study** for a week. (refers to the future: I must study for a week before I do sth else.)
- ④ I **haven't eaten** spaghetti for six months. ✓
~~I have to eat spaghetti for six months.~~

Key Transformations

- ④ I have never been to Malta before.
It is the first time I have ever been to Malta.
- ④ I had never been to Malta before.
It was the first time I had ever been to Malta.
- ④ When did he start working?
How long has he been working?
How long is it since he started working?
- ④ The last time I saw her was a year ago.
I last saw her a year ago.
I haven't seen her for a year.
It has been a year since I last saw her.
It is a year since I last saw her.