## **B** Grammar

# Present perfect

We form the present perfect with has/have + past participle.

The past participle

- for regular verbs (want → wanted) and a few irregular verbs (make → made) is the same as the past simple.
- for most irregular verbs is different from the past simple (break → broke, broken; go → went, gone). (See p.viii.)
- I/you/we/they have + past participle
  he/she/it has + past participle
  I/you/we/they have not (haven't) + past participle
  he/she/it has not (hasn't) + past participle
  Have I/you/we/they + past participle ...?
  Has he/she/it + past participle ...?
  Has it arrived?

Present perfect and past simple (for past simple forms see Unit 5)

We use the present perfect **not** the past simple

for past events when the exact time is not important, but the result is interesting now:
 They have moved to another town. (= They don't live here now.)
 She's passed her driving test. (= She can

drive to work.)

The bus has arrived. (= We can get onto it.)

 for a period of time beginning in the past and continuing to now (often with since and for):

You have worked very hard.

some time in the past  $\longrightarrow$  now

You've worked very hard.

*I've worked* there for two months. *I've worked* there since April. (= I still work there now.)

We use the past simple not the present perfect

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• for past events at a particular time:

They moved in July.

She passed her driving test yesterday.

The hus arrived at six.

 for a period of time beginning and ending in the past (sometimes with for):

You worked very hard last year.
last year

You worked very hard.

now

She worked at the cinema for ten months. (= But she doesn't work there now.)

 not with still and yet and in questions with yet:

I still haven't dried my hair. (= it's wet)
I haven't put the balloons up yet. (= I want
to - they're on the floor)
Have the guests arrived yet?

- ▲ Still goes before the verb and yet goes after it.
- for questions asking how long until now: How long have you known Annie?
- for actions and events started in the past which are finished, often with ago:
   I dried my hair half an hour ago. (= it was wet but it's dry now)
   I didn't put the balloons up. (= because I
- for questions asking when: When did you meet?

decided not to have a party)

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# B3 Other uses of the present perfect

We use the present perfect

- with just for an event a short time before now:
   I've just met her. (= a few minutes ago)
- with adverbs already, before, ever and never, meaning 'before now' (see also Unit 2):
   We've already met.
   Has he ever met her?
   We've met before.
- with superlatives (see Unit 3):
  You make the best pizza I've ever eaten.
- after the expressions the first/last etc. time: That's the second time you've asked me.

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## **B4** Have gone and have been

▲ To go has two forms in the present perfect: have gone and have been. The meanings are different.



He's been to the shops.
(= He went there and then returned home.)



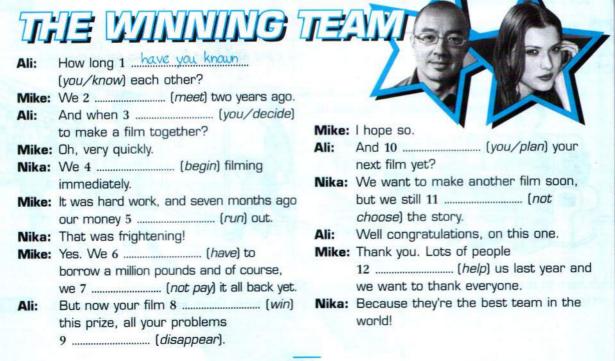
She's gone to the city centre. (= She went there and she's there now.)

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## **C** Grammar exercises

Rhiannon is preparing for a trip abroad with her friend Ellen. Look at the list she made yesterday evening and then complete the email she has sent to Ellen, using the present perfect.

A film has just won a prize. Journalist Ali has interviewed the director, Mike, and the star, Nika, for his magazine. Fill in the gaps using the verbs in brackets in the present perfect or the past simple.



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1	I don't want to swim now because I'vejust had lunch
2	My family has lived in this house thirty years.
	Elena has played volleyball. She doesn't enjoy spo
	Jordan left school a year
	have you been a member of the swimming team?
6	I haven't seen my boyfriend last weekend.
7	did Zoe join the theatre company?
8	We'vebooked our holiday. We're going to Corfu.
9	Have you worked in a shop before or is this your
10	Neil hasn't paid me the money he owes me.
11	The boss hasn't arrived so we needn't start work.
C4 Lo	ok at each pair of sentences. Mark S if their meaning is the sar
	Have you ever ridden a motorbike?
	Have you ridden a motorbike recently?
2	She's worked here since the summer.
	She didn't work here after the summer
3	I've been to London twice this year.
	I've just come back from London
4	This is the most expensive holiday I've ever had.
	I've never had such an expensive holiday before
5	My father hasn't been to the theatre for ten years.
	My father didn't go to the theatre ten years ago
6	We've already seen this film.
	We've seen this film before
7	He still hasn't read that book.
	He hasn't read that book yet
8	This is the second time I've visited Crete.
	I've been to Crete once before

Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box.