

B Grammar

B1 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>I/you/we/they have</i> + past participle <i>he/she/it has</i> + past participle	<i>They've arrived.</i>
-	<i>I/you/we/they have not (haven't)</i> + past participle <i>he/she/it has not (hasn't)</i> + past participle	<i>He hasn't arrived.</i>
?	Have <i>I/you/we/they</i> + past participle ...? Has <i>he/she/it</i> + past participle ...?	<i>Has it arrived?</i>



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B2 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.*


*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

- ♦ for past events at a particular time:
*They **moved** in July.*
*She **passed** her driving test yesterday.*
*The bus **arrived** at six.*
- ♦ for a period of time beginning and ending in the past (sometimes with *for*):
*You **worked** very hard last year.*


*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 decided not to have a party)

- ◆ for questions asking *when*:
*When **did you meet**?*

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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

- C1** 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.

To do

- photocopy passport ✓
- collect travellers' cheques ✓
- buy money belt ✓
- check camera ✗
- choose clothes ✓
- pack rucksack ✗
- phone Granny ✓
- see my cousins and say goodbye ✓
- find my address book!! ✗ Ellen look?
- get coach ticket ✗

Hi Ellen

Are you ready? I am, almost!

Today 1 I 've photocopied my passport , 2 I my travellers' cheques and 3 I a money belt. 4 I my camera, but 5 I my clothes. 6 I my rucksack. I can do that tomorrow. 7 I Granny and 8 I my cousins and 9 I goodbye to them. One problem: 10 I still my address book. 11 (you) for it in your flat? Phone me if you find it. I'm going to the coach station now because I 12 my ticket to the airport. See you tomorrow evening at the check-in desk!

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- C2** 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.

THE WINNING TEAM



Ali: How long 1 have you known (you/know) each other?

Mike: We 2 (meet) two years ago.

Ali: And when 3 (you/decide) to make a film together?

Mike: Oh, very quickly.

Nika: We 4 (begin) filming immediately.

Mike: It was hard work, and seven months ago our money 5 (run) out.

Nika: That was frightening!

Mike: Yes. We 6 (have) to borrow a million pounds and of course, we 7 (not pay) it all back yet.

Ali: But now your film 8 (win) this prize, all your problems 9 (disappear).

Mike: I hope so.

Ali: And 10 (you/plan) your next film yet?

Nika: We want to make another film soon, but we still 11 (not choose) the story.

Ali: Well congratulations, on this one.

Mike: Thank you. Lots of people 12 (help) us last year and we want to thank everyone.

Nika: Because they're the best team in the world!

C3 Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box.

ago already ever for how long ~~just~~ never
 since still when yet

- 1 I don't want to swim now because I'vejust..... had lunch.
- 2 My family has lived in this house thirty years.
- 3 Elena has played volleyball. She doesn't enjoy sport.
- 4 Jordan left school a year
- 5 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've booked our holiday. We're going to Corfu.
- 9 Have you worked in a shop before or is this your first job?
- 10 Neil hasn't paid me the money he owes me.
- 11 The boss hasn't arrived so we needn't start work.

C4 Look at each pair of sentences. Mark S if their meaning is the same or D if it is different.

- 1 Have you ever ridden a motorbike?
 Have you ridden a motorbike recently?D.....
- 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.