

VERBS (2)

Tenses (02) - Present Perfect (5)

The Present Perfect: in context

2 min

What is the present perfect?

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He *has played* golf for 10 years.



I *have* never *seen* the snow.

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The Present Perfect: Use and Formation

13 min

When do we use the present perfect?

Unspecified time before now	She has been on a plane.
Something that started in the past and is continuing today	You have lived in Cambridge since 2008.

How do we form the present perfect?

have/has + past participle

Affirmative form 

Regular Verbs	Irregular verbs
to work I/you/we/they have worked he/she/it has worked	to go I/you/we/they have gone he/she/it has gone

Negative form 

Regular Verbs	Irregular verbs
to work I/you/we/they have not worked he/she/it has not worked	to go I/you/we/they have not gone he/she/it has not gone

Question 

Regular Verbs	Irregular verbs
to work Have I/you/we/they worked? Has he/she/it worked?	to go Have I/you/we/they gone? Has he/she/it gone?

Examples:

Have you ever **been** to South America?

Yes, I **have been** to South America. = Yes, I **have**.

No, I **have not/never been** to South America. = No, I **have not**.

When we speak, we use contractions. A contraction is two words put together.

Examples:

haven't = have not

hasn't = has not

Writing Exercise

5 min

Complete with the present perfect in the affirmative form.

1. I _____ for this company for 10 years. (to work)
2. Keith _____ his bike. (to repair)
3. We _____ our tent since 2010. (to have)
4. Patricia says she _____ all her money. (to spend)
5. David has a big stamp album, he _____ stamps for many years. (to collect)
6. You _____ many books. (to read)
7. They _____ New York. (to leave)
8. Andy and Mark _____ in a band since high school. (to play)
9. She loves San Francisco, she _____ there for a long time. (to live)
10. I _____ several DVDs in the past few years. (to buy)

Match the 2 columns to make a complete sentence.

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| 1. Mick hates tobacco, he | a. have stayed there many times. |
| 2. Ron is afraid of heights, he | b. have never been to Africa. |
| 3. We would enjoy going on a safari, we | c. has played bass guitar for 30 years. |
| 4. My friends love this hotel, they | d. has not finished her homework yet. |
| 5. I do not watch science fiction movies, so I | e. have not had the chance yet. |
| 6. Bill is in a rock band, he | f. have had this one for 6 years. |
| 7. The girl can not go play with her friends,
because she | g. has never used a parachute. |
| 8. I would like to meet a movie star, I | h. have been together since 1972. |
| 9. I need a new computer, I | i. has never smoked. |
| 10. They are still in love, they | j. have not seen Avatar. |

Writing Exercise

5 min

Change these sentences into questions.

Example: John has lived in his apartment for a long time. Has John lived in his apartment for a long time?

1. They have helped their father.

2. Brian has never been to Italy.

3. The traffic has been horrible all day.

4. Chuck has had his piano for quite some time.

5. Jerry and Marianne have never shopped at the Queens Mall.

6. I have watched that episode more than 15 times.

7. We have not sold our house yet.

8. She has never met him.

9. They have not gone back to the museum.

10. You have heard this song before.

Speaking Exercise with the Instructor

5 min

Listen to your teacher's questions. Then, answer.

Example: Have you ever been to Montreal? Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.

1. Have you ever traveled to America?
2. Have you had lunch yet?
3. How long have you lived in your home?
4. How long have you worked for your company?
5. Have you been on vacation yet this year?

Speaking Exercise with the Instructor

5 min

Ask your teacher 3 questions.

1. Have you _____?
2. How long _____?
3. _____?

Watch the Video!

10 min

With this series of cartoons, you will practice the present perfect.

Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hcJECNQDlc>

Watch it again and fill in the blanks:

1. The jury _____ you guilty. Let's see how America voted!
2. Sorry, he _____ his mind again. [...]
3. We _____ you off the island.
4. Now, look what you _____!
3. Thank you, but I _____ for my children's college education.
4. Hey, I love what you _____ with the office.

Quiz

True or False?

1. I use the present perfect to speak about a completed action in the past. True False
2. I use the present perfect to speak about an action that happened at an unspecified time before now. True False
3. I use the present perfect to speak about something that started in the past and is continuing today. True False
4. I use the present perfect to speak about what is happening now. True False

What is an appropriate answer to this question: Have you been to Portugal recently?

- a. No, I didn't
- b. No, I haven't been.
- c. No, I haven't been to.
- d. No, I haven't.

Choose the correct answer:

1. It _____ in 2 months! (have not run / hasn't rained)
2. _____ you received my email yet? (Did / Have)
3. I _____ about your offer and I'll take it. (have thought / have thought)
4. The teenager _____ anything today. (hasn't eaten / hasn't ate)
5. The secretary _____ for us since January, she is doing a great job. (hasn't worked / has worked)
6. The situation _____ slightly. (has improved / has improved)
7. Everybody has read the document, _____ they? (have / haven't)
8. I am not sure if the meeting _____ yet. (has begun / has began)
9. This is the most beautiful painting I _____. (have seen / have seen)
10. The country _____ through difficult times. (has gone / has went)