

Present perfect

Exercises

I have done (present perfect)

A



His shoes are dirty.



He is cleaning his shoes.



He **has cleaned** his shoes.
(= his shoes are clean now)



They are at home.



They are going out.



They **have gone** out.
(= they are not at home now)

B

has cleaned / have gone etc. is the present perfect (**have** + past participle):

past participle

I	} have ('ve) have not (haven't)	cleaned
we		finished
you		started
they		lost
he	} has ('s) has not (hasn't)	done
she		been
it		gone

have	} I we you they	cleaned?	} regular verbs
		finished?	
		started?	
		lost?	
has	} he she it	done?	} irregular verbs
		been?	
		gone?	

EXERCISES

5.1

Look at the picture and write what the people have done. Then write what they have done now.

1



2



3



4



They are at home.

They are going out.

(= they are not at home now)

B has cleaned / have gone etc. is the present perfect (have + past participle):

		<i>past participle</i>				
I we you they	} have ('ve) have not (haven't)	cleaned finished started lost done been gone	} have	I we you they	cleaned? finished? started? lost? done? been? gone?	} regular verbs

Regular verbs: The past participle is **-ed** (the same as the *past simple*):

clean → I have **cleaned** finish → we have **finished** start → she has **started**

Irregular verbs: The past participle is sometimes the same as the past simple and sometimes different (⇒ Appendix 2-3). For example:

the same: buy → I **bought** / I have **bought**
different: break → I **broke** / I have **broken**
fall → it **fell** / it has **fallen**

have → he **had** / he has **had**
see → you **saw** / you have **seen**
go → they **went** / they have **gone**

C We use the present perfect for an action in the past with a result now:

- I've **lost** my passport. (= I can't find my passport now)
- 'Where's Linda?' 'She's **gone** to bed.' (= she is in bed now)
- We've **bought** a new car. (= we have a new car now)
- It's Rachel's birthday tomorrow and I **haven't bought** her a present.
- 'Bob is on holiday.' 'Oh, where **has** he **gone**?'
- Can I take this newspaper? **Have** you **finished** with it?

15.1 Look at the pictures. What has happened? Choose from:

go to bed clean his shoes stop raining close the door fall down have a bath

before

now

1



He has cleaned his shoes.

2



She

3



They

4



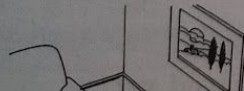
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The

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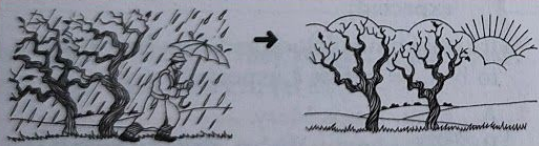
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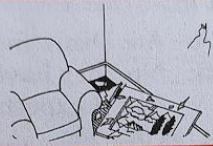


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The

15.2

Complete the sentences with a verb from the list.

break buy decide finish forget go go invite see not/see take tell

- 1 'Can I have this newspaper?' 'Yes, I've finished with it.'
- 2 I some new shoes. Do you want to see them?
- 3 'Where is Liz?' 'She out.'
- 4 I'm looking for Paula. you her?
- 5 Look! Somebody that window.
- 6 'Does Lisa know that you're going away?' 'Yes, I her.'
- 7 I can't find my umbrella. Somebody it.
- 8 I'm looking for Sarah. Where she ?
- 9 I know that woman but I her name.
- 10 Sue is having a party tonight. She a lot of people.
- 11 What are you going to do? you ?
- 12 'Where are my glasses?' 'I don't know. I them.'

I've just ... I've already ...

I haven't ... yet

A I've just ...



They have just arrived.

- just** = a short time ago
- A: Are Diane and Paul here?
 - B: Yes, they've **just arrived**.
 - A: Are you hungry?
 - B: No, I've **just had** dinner.
 - A: Is Tom here?
 - B: No, I'm afraid he's **just gone**. (= he **has** just gone)

B I've already ...



already = before you expected / before I expected

- A: What time are Diane and Paul coming?
- B: They've **already arrived**. (= before you expected)
- It's only nine o'clock and Ann **has already gone** to bed. (= before I expected)
- A: John, this is Mary.
- B: Yes, I know. We've **already met**.

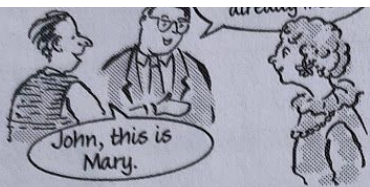
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yet = until now

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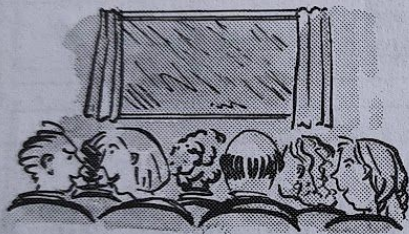


- B: They're ...
expected)
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The film **hasn't started yet**.



yet in *negative sentences*:

- A: Are Diane and Paul here?
- B: No, they **haven't arrived yet**.
(but B expects Diane and Paul to arrive soon)
- A: Does John know that you're going away?
- B: No, I **haven't told him yet**.
(but B is going to tell him soon)
- Margaret has bought a new dress but she **hasn't worn it yet**.

yet in *questions*:

- A: **Have** Diane and Paul **arrived yet**?
- B: No, not yet. We're still waiting for them.
- A: **Has** Linda **started** her new job **yet**?
- B: No, she starts next week.
- A: This is my new dress.
- B: Oh, it's nice. **Have** you **worn it yet**?

EXERCISES

UNIT
16

16.1 Write a sentence with **just** for each picture.



1 They've just arrived.

2 He

3 They

4 The race

16.2 Complete the sentences. Use **already** + present perfect.

- 1 What time is Paul arriving?
- 2 Do Sue and Bill want to see the film?
- 3 Don't forget to phone Tom.
- 4 When is Martin going away?
- 5 Do you want to read the newspaper?
- 6 When does Linda start her new job?

He's already arrived.

No, they it.

I

He

I

She

16.3

Write a sentence with **just** (They've just ... / She's just ... etc.) or a negative sentence with **yet** (They haven't ... yet / She hasn't ... yet etc.).

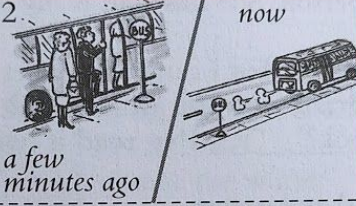


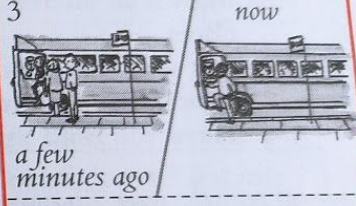
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- 5 Do you want to read the newspaper?
- 6 When does Linda start her new job?


No, they it.
 I
 He
 I
 She


16.3 Write a sentence with **just** (They've just ... / She's just ... etc.) or a negative sentence with **yet** (They haven't ... yet / She hasn't ... yet etc.).

1  *a few minutes ago* / *now*
 (she / go / out)
 She hasn't gone out yet.

2  *a few minutes ago* / *now*
 (the bus / go) The bus

3  *a few minutes ago* / *now*
 (the bus / go)

4  *a few minutes ago* / *now*
 (he / open / it)

5  *a few minutes ago* / *now*
 (they / finish / their dinner)

6  *a few minutes ago* / *now*
 (it / stop / raining)

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16.4

Write questions with **yet**.

- 1 Your friend has got a new job. Perhaps she has started it. You ask her:
 Have you started your new job yet?

- 2 Your friend has some new neighbours. Perhaps he has met them. You ask him:
 you

- 3 Your friend must write a letter. Perhaps she has written it now. You ask her:

- 4 Tom was trying to sell his car. Perhaps he has sold it now. You ask a friend about Tom:

Have you ever ... ? (present perfect 3)

A



Have you been to Rome?

Have you ever been to Japan?

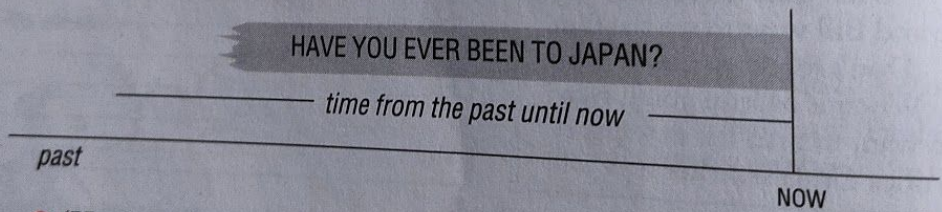
Yes, I have. Many times.

No, I've never been to Japan.



7.1

We use the *present perfect* (**have been** / **have had** / **have played** *etc.*) when we talk about a time from the past until now – for example, a person's life:



- 'Have you **been** to France?' (*in your life*) 'No, I **haven't**.'
- I've **been** to Canada but I **haven't been** to the United States.
- Mary is an interesting person. She **has had** many different jobs and **has lived** in many places.
- I've **seen** that woman before but I can't remember where.
- How many times **has** Brazil **won** the World Cup?

past

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- 'Have you **read** this book?' 'Yes, I've **read** it twice.' (**twice** = two times)

B present perfect + **ever** (in questions) and **never**:

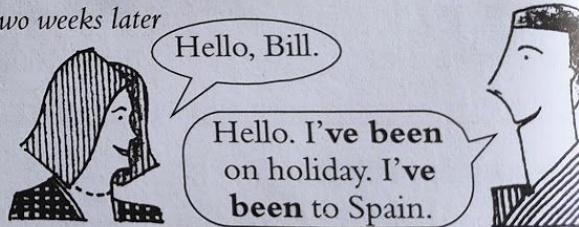
- 'Has Ann **ever been** to Australia?' 'Yes, once.' (**once** = one time)
- 'Have you **ever played** golf?' 'Yes, I often play golf.'
- My mother **has never travelled** by air.
- I've **never ridden** a horse.
- 'Who is that man?' 'I don't know. I've **never seen** him before.'

C gone and been



Bill **has gone** to Spain.
(= he is in Spain *now*)

two weeks later



Bill **has been** to Spain.
(= he went to Spain but *now he is back*)

Compare:

- I can't find Susan. Where **has** she **gone**? (= Where is she now?)
- Oh, hello Susan! I was looking for you. Where **have** you **been**?

EXERCISES

UNIT
17

17.1 You are asking Helen questions beginning **Have you ever ... ?** Write the questions.



YOU

- 1 (London?) Have you ever been to London?
- 2 (play / golf?) Have you ever played golf?
- 3 (Australia?) Have
- 4 (lose / your passport?)
- 5 (fly / in a helicopter?)
- 6 (eat / Chinese food?)
- 7 (New York?)
- 8 (drive / a bus?)
- 9 (break / your leg?)

HELEN



- No, never.
Yes, many times.
No, never.
Yes, once.
No, never.
Yes, a few times.
Yes, twice.
No, never.
Yes, once.

17.2 Write sentences about Helen. (Look at her answers in Exercise 17.1.)

- 1 (New York) Helen has been to New York twice.
- 2 (Australia) Helen
- 3 (Chinese food)
- 4 (drive / a bus)

Now write about yourself. How often have you done these things?

5 (New York) I

9 (break / your leg?)

yes, once.

17.2

Write sentences about Helen. (Look at her answers in Exercise 17.1.)

- 1 (New York) Helen has been to New York twice.
- 2 (Australia) Helen
- 3 (Chinese food)
- 4 (drive / a bus)

Now write about yourself. How often have you done these things?

- 5 (New York) I
- 6 (play / tennis)
- 7 (fly / in a helicopter)
- 8 (be / late for work or school)

17.3

Mary is 65 years old. She has had an interesting life. What has she done?



have	be
do	write
travel	meet

all over the world	a lot of interesting things
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ten books	married three times

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- 2 She
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

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Put in **gone** or **been**.

- 1 Bill is on holiday at the moment. He's gone to Spain.
- 2 'Where's Jill?' 'She's not here. I think she's to the bank.'
- 3 Hello, Sue. Where have you ? Have you to the bank?
- 4 'Have you ever to Mexico?' 'No, never.'
- 5 My parents aren't at home this evening. They've out.
- 6 There's a new restaurant in town. Have you to it?
- 7 Ann knows Paris well. She's there many times.
- 8 Helen was here earlier but I think she's now.

Monday

NOW
Thursday

5
6
7

B

Compare:

present simple

Mark and Liz **are** married.

Are you married?

Do you **know** Sarah?

I **know** Sarah.

Linda **lives** in London.

I **have** a car.

present perfect simple (have been/have lived/have known etc) **3**

They **have been** married **for** five years.
(not 'They are married for five years.')

How long have you been married?
(not 'How long are you married?')

How long have you known her?
(not 'How long do you know her?')

I've **known** her **for** a long time.
(not 'I know her for ...')

How long has she lived in London?
She **has lived** there **all her life**.

How long have you had your car?
I've **had** it **since** April.

present continuous

I'm **learning** German.

David **is watching** TV.

It's **raining**.

present perfect continuous (have been + ing) **4**

How long have you been learning German?
(not 'How long are you learning German?')

I've **been learning** German **for** two years.

How long has he been watching TV?

He's **been** (= He **has been**) watching TV **since** 5 o'clock.

It's **been** (= It **has been**) raining **all day**.

EXERCISES

18.1 Complete these sentences.

- 1 Jill is in hospital. She has been in hospital since Monday.
- 2 I know Sarah. I have known her for a long time.
- 3 Linda and Frank are married. They married since 1989.
- 4 Brian is ill. He ill for the last few days.
- 5 We live in Scott Road. We there for ten years.
- 6 Catherine works in a bank. She in a bank for five years.
- 7 Alan has a headache. He a headache since he got up this morning.
- 8 I'm learning English. I English for six months.

18.2 Make questions with **How long ... ?**

- 1 Jill is on holiday.
- 2 Mike and Judy are in Brazil.
- 3 I know Margaret.
- 4 Diana is learning Italian.
- 5 My brother lives in Canada.
- 6 I'm a teacher.
- 7 It is raining.

How long has she been on holiday ?

- How long ?
- How long you ?
- ?
- ?
- ?
- ?

18.3



Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Your sentence must end with one of these:

for ten minutes all day all her life ~~for ten years~~ since he was 20 since Sunday

1 They have been married for ten years.

2 She

3 They

4 The sun

5 She

6 He

18.4 Which is right?

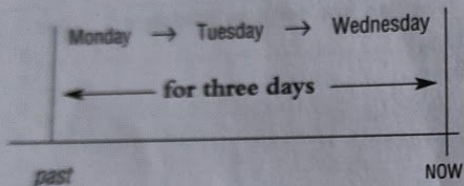
- 1 Mark ~~is~~ / has been in Canada since April. has been is right
- 2 Jane is a good friend of mine. I know / have known her very well.
- 3 Jane is a good friend of mine. I know / have known her for a long time.
- 4 'Sorry I'm late. How long are you / have you been waiting?' 'Not long. Only five minutes.'
- 5 Martin works / has worked in a hotel now. He likes his job very much.
- 6 Linda is reading the newspaper. She is / has been reading it for two hours.
- 7 'How long do you live / have you lived in this house?' 'About ten years.'
- 8 'Is that a new coat?' 'No, I have / I've had this coat for a long time.'
- 9 Tom is / has been in Spain at the moment. He is / has been there for the last three days.

A for and since

We use **for** and **since** to say *how long*:

- Jill is in Ireland. She **has been** there

We use **for** + a period of time (three days / two years etc.):

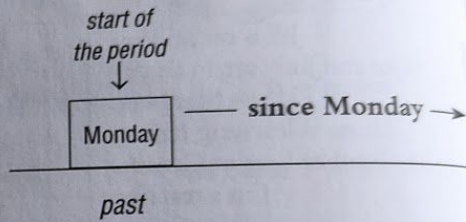


for	
three days	ten minutes
an hour	two hours
a week	four weeks
a month	six months
five years	a long time

- Richard has been in Canada **for six months**. (not 'since six months')
- We've been waiting **for two hours**. (not 'since two hours')
- I've lived in London **for a long time**.

for three days.
since Monday.

We use **since** + the start of the period (Monday / 9 o'clock etc.):



since	
Monday	Wednesday
9 o'clock	12.30
24 July	Christmas
January	I was ten years old
1985	we arrived

- Richard has been in Canada **since January**. (= from January to now)
- We've been waiting **since 9 o'clock**. (= from 9 o'clock to now)
- I've lived in London **since I was ten years old**.

EXERCISES

1.1 Write for or since

- 1 Jill has been in Ireland **for** three days.
- 2 Jill has been in Ireland **since** Monday.
- 3 My aunt has been in India **for** two years.
- 4 Margaret has been in India **since** last year.
- 5 India has been a member of the Commonwealth **for** 25 years.
- 6 The book has been on the shelves **since** 1985.
- 7 Nobel prizes are given **for** the first time every five years.
- 8 Mike has been in London **since** he was ten years old.

1.2 Answer

- 1 What time did you arrive?
- 2 How long have you been waiting?
- 3 How long have you been in London?
- 4 How long have you been married?
- 5 How long have you been in the army?

1.3 Complete

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1.4

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B

ago

ago = *before now*:

- Susan started her new job **three weeks ago**. (= three weeks before now)
- 'When did Tom go out?' 'Ten minutes ago.' (= ten minutes before now)
- I had dinner **an hour ago**.
- Life was very different **a hundred years ago**.

We use **ago** with the *past* (**started/did/had/was** *etc.*).

Compare **ago** and **for**:

- **When did Jill arrive** in Ireland?
She **arrived** in Ireland **three days ago**.
- **How long has she been** in Ireland?
She **has been** in Ireland **for three days**.

EXERCISES

19.1 Write for or since.

- Jill has been in Ireland since Monday.
- Jill has been in Ireland for three days.
- My aunt has lived in Australia 15 years.
- Margaret is in her office. She has been there 7 o'clock.
- India has been an independent country 1947.
- The bus is late. We've been waiting 20 minutes.
- Nobody lives in those houses. They have been empty many years.
- Mike has been ill a long time. He has been in hospital October.

19.2 Answer these questions. Use ago.

- When was your last meal?
- When was the last time you were ill?
- When did you last go to the cinema?
- When was the last time you were in a car?
- When was the last time you went on holiday?

Three hours ago.

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.....

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.....

19.3 Complete the sentences. Use the words in brackets (...) + for or ago.

- Jill arrived in Ireland three days ago.
- Jill has been in Ireland for three days.
- and Frank have been married

(three days)

(three days)

(20 years)

(20 years)

(ten minutes)

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19.3

Complete the sentences. Use the words in brackets (...) + **for** or **ago**.

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- 1 for three days.

(three days)
(three days)
(20 years)
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|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1 Jill arrived in Ireland | <u>three days ago.</u> | (three days) |
| 2 Jill has been in Ireland | <u>for three days.</u> | (three days) |
| 3 Linda and Frank have been married | | (20 years) |
| 4 Linda and Frank got married | | (20 years) |
| 5 Dan arrived | | (ten minutes) |
| 6 We had lunch | | (an hour) |
| 7 Silvia has been learning English | | (six months) |
| 8 Have you known Lisa |? | (a long time) |
| 9 I bought these shoes | | (a few days) |

19.4 Complete the sentences with **for** or **since**.

- 1 Jill is in Ireland now. She arrived there three days ago. She has been there for three da
- 2 Jack is here. He arrived here on Tuesday. He has
- 3 It's raining. It started an hour ago. It's been

- | | | |
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- I know Sue. I first met Sue two years ago. I've
- I have a camera. I bought it in 1989. I've
- They are married. They got married six months ago.
They've
- Liz is studying medicine at university. She started three years ago.
She has
- Dave plays the piano. He started when he was seven years old.
Dave has

19.5

Write sentences about yourself. Begin with the words in brackets (...).

- (I've lived)
- (I've been)
- (I've been learning)
- (I've known)
- (I've had)