

PERFECT TENSES

Present Perfect Simple	
<p>A. An action which began in the past and still continues. <i>We've lived in the same house <u>for</u> two years.</i></p> <p>B. An experience that happened at some time in one's life <i>Have you ever had an operation?</i></p> <p>C. A past action with a present result <i>Peter has just bought a new car.</i></p> <p>- Form:</p> <p>Affirmative: Have('ve) / has ('s)+ Past participle Negative: Haven't / hasn't + Past participle Interrogative: Have you + (past participle)? Has she + (past participle)?</p>	<p>- Time Expressions:</p> <p>A. for with a period of time / since with a point in time. <i>For two years, for a month, for a few minutes, for half an hour, for ages... Since 1987, since the end of the lesson, since August, since 8.00, since Christmas...</i></p> <p>B. ever, never, before <i>Have you ever been to Australia? I've never been to Italy. I haven't eaten such a delicious meal before.</i></p> <p>C. yet, already, just <i>I haven't done my homework yet. I've already done my homework. My father has just bought a new computer.</i></p> <p>- Other Expressions: <i>Recently, lately, so far, always, often, in recent years... How long...?</i></p>
Past simple / Present perfect.	
<p><i>El past simple expresa claramente que la acción ocurrió en un momento determinado del pasado. Por eso se usan expresiones temporales de pasado.</i></p> <p><i>El present perfect une pasado con presente, habla de un hecho pasado pero con unos resultados que se ven el presente. No interesa cuando (when) pero sí nos interesa cuánto tiempo (how long) ha estado ocurriendo algo hasta el momento presente.</i></p> <p>Past Simple: yesterday, a year ago, last week, for, when I was a child, in 1980....</p> <p>Present perfect: for, since, lately, just, yet, ever, already, recently, before....</p>	

PRACTICE:

1. Complete these sentences with the **present perfect**.

- a. Jill is in London. She **has been** in London since Monday.
- b. I know George. I **have known** him for a long time.
- c. They are married. They _____(be)married since 1983.
- d. Brian is ill. He _____ (be) ill for a week.
- e. We live in this house. We _____ (live)here for ten years.
- f. I know Tom very well. I _____ (know)him for a long time.
- g. Alice works in a bank. She _____(work) in a bank for five years.
- h. I'm learning English. I _____ (be) learning English for six months.
- i. She has a headache. She _____ (have)a headache since she got up.

2. Monica is ill. Write sentences about her. Use the **present perfect** and **for** and **since**.

a. Monica / be / in bed / a long time.

b. She / not see/ her friends/ a week.

c. She / stay/ at home / Tuesday.

d. She / have / a red nose/ three days.

e. She / not play/ basketball / last weekend.

3. Write **for** or **since**:

1. _____ 1995

2. _____ an hour

3. _____ months

4. _____ one o'clock

5. _____ last Monday

6. _____ four years

7. _____ January

4. Choose the correct form of the verb.

a. Frida **has seen / saw** that film last night.

b. Sammy and Ingrid **haven't written / didn't write** their compositions yet.

c. Julia **has met / met** many new friends when she **has been / was** in England last summer.

d. The children **have gone / went** to this school since 2001.

e. I **haven't read / didn't read** that book last year.

5. Complete these sentences with **gone** or **been**:

a. He's on holiday at the moment. He's **gone** to Spain.

b. "Where's Jill? She's not here". "I think she's _____ to the bank."

c. "Hello Pat! Where have you _____?" "I've _____ to the bank"

d. "Have you ever _____ to Mexico?" "No, never."

e. My parents aren't at home this evening. They've _____ out.

f. There is a new restaurant in town. Have you _____ to it.?

g. Paris is a wonderful city. I've _____ there many times.

h. Helen was here earlier but I think she's _____ now.

6. Complete these sentences with **for** or **since**:
- She's been in London **since** Monday.
 - She's been in London **for** four days.
 - Mike has been ill _____ a long time. He's been in hospital _____ October.
 - My aunt has lived in Australia _____ 15 years.
 - Nobody lives in those houses. They have been empty _____ many years.
 - Mrs Harris is in her office. She's been there _____ 7 o'clock.
 - India has been an independent country _____ 1947.
 - The bus is late. We've been waiting _____ 20 minutes.
7. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the **present perfect**.
- John _____ already _____ (leave).
 - We _____ (not visit) that museum yet.
 - They _____ (live) here for 10 years.
 - My parents _____ always _____ (want) to go there.
 - I _____ (never) _____ (talk) to him.
 - Jill _____ (play) for the team since 1999.
8. Supply either the **simple past tense** or the **present perfect** tense form as required by the meaning.
- I **moved** to Pine Street in March; I **have lived** there for three months now.
 - We _____ (live) in Washington from 1975 to 1980.
 - Before he came to the United States, Emil _____ (work) as a carpenter.
 - Since coming here, however, he _____ (work) as a clerk.
 - My former teacher was Miss Coe. I _____ (study) with her for one year.
 - My present teacher is Mr Ming. I _____ (study) with him for six months.
 - Juanita Chavez speaks English well because she _____ (speak) English all her life.
 - Earl _____ (work) hard all her life. (he is dead)
 - Eric _____ (work) hard all his life. (he is alive)
 - Ms Pate _____ (leave) New York last month and _____ (work) in Pittsburgh since then.
 - Gail, who is now in the fourth grade, _____ (study) English for two years.
 - I _____ (study) English steadily since 1980.
 - Henry, who is now in hospital, _____ (be) there for several weeks.
 - When I saw her, Linda _____ (feel) ill.
 - We _____ (buy) this car two years ago and _____ (drive) it 5,000 miles since then.

16. Up to the present time, I _____ never _____ (be) farther west than St Louis, Missouri.

9. Write questions with **How long? and the Present perfect.**

Ex. "How long (you / live) in New York?" " For two years."

How long **have you lived** in New York?

1. "How long (she / be) at this school?" "Since September."

2. "How long (They/ have) that car?" " For four months."

3. How long (your uncle / work) in the USA? " For about ten years."

4. "How long (You / Know) her?" " Since we were children."

5. "How long (we/be) here?" " Since three o'clock."

10. Write the verbs in the **Present Perfect**:

1. I _____ (not do) my exams yet.
2. My brother _____ just _____ (finish) school.
3. I _____ (have) this book for four months.
4. He _____ already _____ (eat) his lunch.
5. She _____ (study) Japanese since she was six.
6. We _____ (not see) the new Spielberg film yet.
7. Monica _____ (not be) to the doctor since May.
8. _____ you _____ (finish) your homework yet?

11. Complete the sentences with **for, since, yet** or **already**.

1. I've _____ finished Exercise 1.3 but I haven't finished Exercise 1.4 _____.
2. Have you had lunch _____?
3. She's lived here _____ seven years.
4. It's rained _____ six days.
5. I've had this coat _____ my last birthday.
6. – Do your homework , Joey!
– I've _____ done it, Mum!
7. I've been here _____ six o'clock.
8. We've _____ studied Unit 5 but we haven't studied Unit 7 _____.

12. Present Perfect or Past Simple?

1. He (live) _____ in Ohio from 1991 to 1997.
He (live) _____ in Texas since 1995.
2. Where's Pete? I (not see) _____ him for ages.
I (not see) _____ a film last night.
3. We (be) _____ at primary school from 1993 to 1998.
We (be) _____ in this class since September.

13. Complete the text. Use the **past simple or present perfect**.

My family and I **moved** from London to Cardiff last summer, so we (live) **have lived** in Cardiff for seven months now. I miss my friends in London. My best friend is called Megan. We (1.meet) _____ at primary school, so I (2. know) _____ her for nine years. Unfortunately, I (3. not see) _____ her since last summer.
I go to Greystone Secondary School in Cardiff. I (4. be) _____ at the school since last September. At first I (5. not like) _____ it because I (6. not have) _____ any friends here. But the students in my class are really nice and I'm happy here now.

14. Present perfect or past simple.

- a. My friend is a writer. She **has written** (write) many books.
- b. We **didn't have** (not have) a holiday last year.
- c. **Did you see** (you / see) Alan last week?
- d. I _____ (play) tennis yesterday afternoon.
- e. What time _____ (you / go) to bed last night?
- f. _____ (you / ever/be) to the United States?
- g. My hair is clean. I _____ (wash) it.
- h. When I was a child, I _____ (not/like) sport.
- i. Kathy loves travelling. She _____ (visit) many countries.
- j. John works in a bookshop. He _____ (work) there for three years.
- k. Last year we _____ (go) to Finland for a holiday.

15. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets (**Present Perfect or Past Simple**).

- a. James _____ just _____ (leave) for Paris. He won't return for two weeks.
- b. Last night, we _____ (watch) horror films on TV.
- c. My family _____ (visit) Disney World when we _____ (be) in America last year.
- d. _____ you _____ (hear) the news yet?
- e. They _____ (not do) their homework yet. They will do it later.
- f. _____ you _____ (see) Mary when you visited Grandma?
- g. We _____ (take) a cab to town this morning.
- h. She _____ (have) a moped since she was 15.
- i. I'm really hungry. I _____ (not eat) since last night.

- j. They _____(visit) Colorado last summer.
- k. Keith is at school today, but he _____(not be) here yesterday.
- l. I _____(know) Debbie since last autumn.

16. Put the verbs into the correct form: **present perfect or past simple**.

1. I don't know where Amy is. _____(you / see) her?
2. When I _____(get) home last night, I _____(be) very tired and I _____(go) straight to bed.
3. Your car looks very clean. _____(you / wash) it?
4. George _____(not be) very well last week.
5. Mr Clark _____(work) in a bank for 15 years. Then he gave it up.
6. Molly lives in Dublin. She _____(live) there all her life.
7. _____(you / go) to the cinema last night? Yes, but it _____(be) a mistake. The film _____(be) awful.
8. My grandfather _____(die) 30 years ago. I _____(never meet) him.
9. I don't know Carol's husband. I _____(never meet) him.
10. A: Is your father at home?
 B: no, I'm afraid he _____(go) out.
 A. When exactly _____(he/go) out?
 B. About ten minutes ago.