

Present Perfect

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Grammar Notes

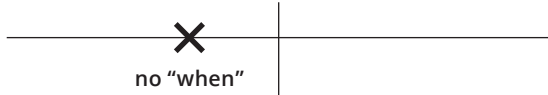

A. Introduction

The present perfect tense is very common in English. It is unlike other verb tenses because it has two separate uses. One use is a finished past action and the other is a continuing action. Time markers (words that show a verb's tense) show if the verb has a finished or continuing meaning.

Let's look at the finished action use (Use 1) of the present perfect first and compare it with the simple past. Then we'll look at the continuing action use (Use 2).

B. Use 1

FINISHED ACTIONS

	Present Perfect	Simple Past
Pattern	have / has + p.p. (past participle)	verb + <i>-ed</i> (or irregular forms)
Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> shows a finished past action does not show when it occurred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> shows a finished past action shows when it occurred
Diagram		
Time Markers	No time marker is needed, but for emphasis it is possible to use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> already yet still ever never recently lately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> yesterday the day before yesterday last ago when (for joining two past sentences)
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have seen <i>Iron Man</i>. She has never tried frog legs. They've bought a new car. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I saw <i>Iron Man</i> last night. She tried frog legs last month. They bought a new car two weeks ago.



Grammar Notes cont.

B. Use 1 cont.

Time Markers for Emphasis

Already

Already emphasizes an action that has occurred in the past.

have + already + p.p.

- I have **already** read that book.

Recently & Lately

Recently and *lately* emphasize a recent past action.

have + p.p. + O + recently / lately

- Scientists have discovered a new species **recently**.
- Have you spoken to her **lately**?

Yet & Still

Yet and *still* emphasize the intention to do something.

have + not + p.p. + O + yet

- I haven't read that book **yet**.

still + have + not + p.p.

- I **still** haven't read that book.

Ever & Never

Ever and *never* emphasize an action that could have occurred at *any* time in the past.

have + (not) ever / never + p.p.

- Have you **ever** been to Europe?
- I haven't **ever** been to Europe.
- I have **never** been to Europe.

Repeated Actions



Use the present perfect even if a finished action happened more than once in the past. Do not mention **when** it occurred.

- I **have performed** onstage many times.
- We **have been** to Mexico twice.
- She **has given** a presentation five times in her life.

Grammar Notes cont.

C. Use 2

CONTINUING ACTIONS

	Present Perfect
Pattern	have / has + p.p.
Use	shows an action that started in the past, continues to the present, and may continue into the future
Diagram	
Time Markers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for • since • all
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has worked in this office for two years. • He has lived in the same house since he was a child. • I've studied English all my life.

For, Since & All

For and *all* show the **duration** of an action.

- He has taught math **for** 15 years.

Since shows the **starting point** of an action.

- We have lived in France **since** 2012.

Exercise 1

PAST PARTICIPLES

A. Simple Past and Past Participle

Write the simple past and past participle of the following verbs in the chart below.

#	Simple Form	Simple Past	Past Participle
1	work		
2	do		
3	eat		
4	call		
5	begin		
6	give		
7	answer		
8	see		
9	have		
10	go		
11	study		
12	teach		
13	make		
14	talk		

B. Complete the Chart

Complete the chart below with the correct forms of the verbs.

#	Simple Form	Simple Past	Past Participle
1		knew	
2			met
3		was/were	
4	fly		
5		wrote	
6			read
7	live		
8		fell	
9	feel		
10			taken
11		drove	
12	buy		
13		danced	
14			told

Exercise 2

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Choose the correct verb from the list to the right to complete the following sentences. Put the verb in the present perfect tense.

1. I met Barbara when we were in elementary school.
We _____ each other for over 20 years.
2. We _____ many new words since we started this course.
3. That's a wonderful movie. I _____ it three times.
4. Mr. and Mrs. Tanner _____ married for ten years.
5. You are late! The class _____ already _____.
6. Robert is my neighbor. He _____ next door to me for five years.
7. Mary _____ several emails to her parents since she left home.
8. We _____ in that restaurant a few times.
9. Our teacher _____ us a lot of help with the homework assignment.
10. She _____ to her landlord many times about the broken window.
11. We have a new camera. We _____ some beautiful pictures of the grandchildren.
12. They _____ already _____ all their homework.
13. Mrs. Baxter _____ all her groceries for the week.
14. Tommy _____ a bad cold for two weeks.
15. Frank _____ for that company for many years.
16. After three months of looking, she _____ a beautiful apartment to rent.

Word List:

- take
- work
- find
- see
- speak
- know
- begin
- finish
- learn
- eat
- have
- write
- give
- live
- buy
- be

Exercise 3

NEGATIVE SENTENCES

A. Choose the Correct Word

Choose the correct verb from the list to the right to complete the following sentences. Put the verb in the negative form of the present perfect tense.

1. Matthew is waiting on the corner for his girlfriend, but she _____ yet.
2. My brother lives in a different country. I _____ him for two years.
3. Ellie and Bill got a divorce five years ago.
They _____ to each other since then.
4. It is only 8:45. The class _____ yet.
5. It started to snow last night, and it still _____ .
6. She has finally decided which car she wants, but she _____ it yet.
7. I heard that the movie at the Roxy Theater is great, but I _____ it yet.
8. I bought a newspaper today, but I still _____ it.
9. He took his car to the service station yesterday, but they _____ it yet.
10. The Andersons moved out of New York ten years ago,
and they _____ back to the city since then.

Word List:

- fix
- begin
- arrive
- be
- see
- stop
- speak
- buy
- read
- visit

B. Matching

Match each question on the left with the correct answer on the right.

- | | |
|---|---|
| _____ 1. Has he finished university yet? | a) No, he hasn't. He's still talking. |
| _____ 2. Have you eaten breakfast yet? | b) No, I haven't. My wife's still reading it. |
| _____ 3. Have they gotten married yet? | c) No, he hasn't graduated yet. |
| _____ 4. Has the president finished speaking yet? | d) No, it hasn't. The teacher isn't here yet. |
| _____ 5. Has Mary watered the plants yet? | e) No, they haven't finished yet. |
| _____ 6. Has the doctor seen you yet? | f) No, they haven't. They're still engaged. |
| _____ 7. Has the sun come out yet? | g) No, she hasn't. They are still dry. |
| _____ 8. Have they finished their homework yet? | h) No, I haven't. I'll eat in a few minutes. |
| _____ 9. Has the class begun yet? | i) No, she hasn't. She is with another patient. |
| _____ 10. Have you read the paper yet? | j) No, it hasn't. It's still raining. |

Exercise 4

ALREADY, STILL & YET

A. Mrs. Tanner's School Day Schedule

Read the schedule below and make ten positive and negative sentences using *already*, *yet*, or *still* and the present perfect tense. Assume it is now 12:00 pm.

Time	Activity
8:30	arrive at school
9:00	take attendance, teach French class
10:00	meet with the principal
11:00	teach Spanish class
11:30	write report cards

Time	Activity
12:15	eat lunch, go for a walk
1:00	meet with Joe's parents
2:00	take students to the library
3:00	read students' essays
4:00	go home

Ex. *Mrs. Tanner has already taken attendance.*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Exercise 4 cont.

B. Your Daily Schedule

Follow the example on the previous page. Fill in the schedule with your own activities, and then write full sentences below. Assume it is now 12:00 pm.

Time	Activity
7:00	
8:00	
9:00	
10:00	
12:00	

Time	Activity
2:00	
4:00	
6:00	
9:00	
10:00	

Ex. *I have already had breakfast, but I haven't had lunch yet.*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Exercise 5

EVER & NEVER

Practice using the present perfect tense by asking questions beginning with "Have you ever...?" Use the words provided to make your questions. Then answer each question using either a positive or negative reply.

1. you / ever / be / to France

Have you ever been to France? Yes, I have. I was there last year. / No, I haven't. I've never been there.

2. the teacher / ever / be / late for class
-

3. the pilot / ever / fly / in a helicopter
-

4. your father / ever / make / dinner for your mother
-

5. you / ever / find / a lot of money on the street
-

6. the children / ever / go camping / in the forest
-

7. the baseball team / ever / win a championship game
-

8. the actress / ever / forget her lines
-

9. the police officer / ever / arrest anyone
-

10. the politicians / ever / break their promises
-

Exercise 6

PRESENT PERFECT VS. SIMPLE PAST

Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb provided (simple past or present perfect).

1. We _____ to Vancouver last year. We _____ there since April.
(move) (live)
2. I _____ to every hockey game this season. I _____ to the game last night with my brother.
(be) (go)
3. I _____ my house key last week and I still _____ it.
(lose) (not/find)
4. "When _____ you _____ smoking?" "I _____ for over five years now."
(quit) (not/smoke)
5. Nora _____ a lot of souvenirs yesterday.
(buy)
She _____ never _____ this many souvenirs on a vacation before.
(buy)
6. "Would you like another cup of coffee?" "No thanks. I _____ already _____ three cups."
(have)
7. Frank _____ for ABC Electric from 1990 to 2002.
(work)
Now he owns his own business. He _____ it for six years.
(have)
8. Grandma _____ and _____ her hip last week.
(fall) (break)
She _____ in the hospital since then.
(be)
9. My previous teacher _____ Mr. Blair.
(be)
Now my teacher is Mrs. Carter. I _____ in her class for three months now.
(be)
10. In my whole life, I _____ never _____ a famous person, but my
brother _____ to three famous actors when he was in Hollywood last year.
(meet) (speak)
11. Last year, we _____ through three Canadian provinces. Now we are traveling
(drive)
in Europe. We _____ already _____ through eight countries.
(drive)
12. This French course _____ three months ago. We _____
(start)
already _____ several verb tenses and hundreds of new words.
(learn)

Exercise 7

PAST PARTICIPLE BINGO

A. Write the Past Participle

Choose 24 words from the list below and write the past participle of each one in any space on your bingo card on the next page. Mix the verbs up. Do not write them in the same order as the list. Everyone should have a different card.

- | | | | | | |
|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|--------------|
| • become | • dig | • get | • leave | • sell | • swing |
| • begin | • do | • give | • let | • send | • swim |
| • bet | • draw | • go | • lose | • shake | • take |
| • bite | • drink | • grow | • make | • shoot | • teach |
| • blow | • drive | • hang | • mean | • shut | • tell |
| • break | • eat | • have | • meet | • sink | • think |
| • bring | • fall | • hear | • pay | • sit | • throw |
| • build | • feel | • hide | • quit | • sleep | • wake |
| • catch | • fight | • hit | • ring | • speak | • wear |
| • choose | • find | • hold | • read | • spend | • win |
| • come | • fly | • hurt | • ride | • stand | • write |
| • cost | • forget | • keep | • run | • stick | • understand |
| • cut | • freeze | • know | • see | • sweep | |

B. Play Bingo!

Your teacher will call out certain past participles one by one. If you have that past participle on your board, cover it with a marker or draw an X on it. When you have one line in any direction covered, shout "Bingo!" (You must have the correct past participle form under each marker or X in order to win.)

Exercise 7 cont.

C. Bingo Card

		Free Space		

Exercise 8

SINCE & FOR

Rewrite the following sentences using *since* or *for* and the verb provided. You may have to change some of the words, but keep the same meaning.

1. Bill and Rita got married 20 years ago. **(be)**

Bill and Rita have been married for 20 years.

2. Jordan moved into his apartment in 2005. **(live)**
-

3. Ellen and Rose met each other 40 years ago. **(know)**
-

4. The teacher came to school at 8:00 this morning. **(be)**
-

5. Robbie grew a beard six months ago. **(have)**
-

6. Dennis bought his car four years ago. **(own)**
-

7. Maria started to wear glasses when she was five years old. **(wear)**
-

8. David fell in love with Patricia when they were teenagers. **(be)**
-

9. Mark started to work at the bank three years ago. **(work)**
-

10. Sam learned how to swim three years ago. **(know)**
-

Exercise 9

HOW LONG?

Read the following sentences and write a *how long* question for each one. Then answer each question using *since*, *for*, or *all*.

1. I live in Toronto.

How long have you lived in Toronto? _____

I have lived in Toronto for 20 years. _____

2. Jane works at a travel agency.

3. Bill wears glasses.

4. Mark and Sharon are married.

5. I know Ben very well.

6. Margaret has a bad cold.

7. John owns a Toyota.

8. The teacher is in the classroom now.

9. Daniel and Sara are on vacation now.

10. Andrea speaks English very well.

11. Kerry believes in ghosts.

12. The boss is angry at his secretary.

13. The fridge is empty.

14. I feel sick.

Exercise 10

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

Put the words below in the correct order to make grammatically correct sentences. Each sentence is in the present perfect tense.

1. finished they yet homework their haven't

They haven't finished their homework yet.

2. week I flu had the since have last
-

3. time divorced she for been long a has
-

4. been week absent all school from has he
-

5. this city apartment lived since I in this have I moved to
-

6. lesson already that has teacher taught the
-

7. Edith child since glasses was a worn has she
-

8. since she at broke work hasn't her been leg she
-

9. new very happy the a children puppy they have since got been
-

10. anxious we morning have all been
-

Exercise 12

CLASS ACTIVITY

Interview your classmates. Use the words provided to ask questions with the present perfect tense. Write the name of the classmate who gives you a “yes” answer. Then follow up with another question using the simple past tense.

Example

You: Have you ever seen the Eiffel Tower?

Mary: Yes, I have.

You: When did you see it?

Mary: I saw it two years ago.

#	Words	Classmate
1	ever / see / the Eiffel Tower	Mary
2	move / to a new house or apartment / recently	
3	ever / have / a pet bird	
4	receive / a gift / in the past week	
5	read / any good books / lately	
6	ever / go to a hospital / in an ambulance	
7	own / a car / for more than two years	
8	ever / win / money / in a lottery	
9	ever / sleep / in a tent	
10	have / more than one job / since you finished high school	
11	ever / see / a ghost	
12	ever / lose / your wallet	
13	have / a cold / this month	
14	ever / swim / in the ocean	
15	wear / glasses / for more than ten years	
16	ever / go fishing	
17	live / in this city / for more than five years	

Exercise 13

QUIZ

Choose the correct answer.

1. The students _____ their assignments.
 - a) have not completed
 - b) hasn't completed
 - c) not have completed
2. _____ to the party last night?
 - a) Have you gone
 - b) Has you gone
 - c) Did you go
3. My neighbor _____ English for 15 years.
 - a) have taught
 - b) has taught
 - c) didn't taught
4. Our dogs _____ their food yet.
 - a) have finished
 - b) haven't finished
 - c) not finished
5. My coworker _____ about the out-of-date software all month.
 - a) have already complained
 - b) has complained
 - c) has already complained
6. The children _____ their dinner.
 - a) still haven't eaten
 - b) haven't still eaten
 - c) haven't eaten still
7. My brother _____ hockey since he was a child.
 - a) have loved
 - b) has loved
 - c) loved
8. He _____ for work.
 - a) already has left
 - b) already hasn't left
 - c) has already left
9. I _____ to that restaurant.
 - a) never has been
 - b) have never been
 - c) have been never
10. They _____ in the park yesterday.
 - a) have jogged
 - b) has jogged
 - c) jogged
11. The employees _____ on that report.
 - a) have worked
 - b) have already worked
 - c) haven't worked yet
12. She _____ to many exotic places.
 - a) have already traveled
 - b) has traveled
 - c) hasn't traveled yet

Answer Key

Exercise 1

A. SIMPLE PAST AND PAST PARTICIPLE

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. worked, worked | 8. saw, seen |
| 2. did, done | 9. had, had |
| 3. ate, eaten | 10. went, gone |
| 4. called, called | 11. studied, studied |
| 5. began, begun | 12. taught, taught |
| 6. gave, given | 13. made, made |
| 7. answered, answered | 14. talked, talked |

B. COMPLETE THE CHART

#	Simple Form	Simple Past	Past Participle
1	know	knew	known
2	meet	met	met
3	is	was/were	been
4	fly	flew	flown
5	write	wrote	written
6	read	read	read
7	live	lived	lived
8	fall	fell	fallen
9	feel	felt	felt
10	take	took	taken
11	drive	drove	driven
12	buy	bought	bought
13	dance	danced	danced
14	tell	told	told

Exercise 2

- | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. have known | 7. has written | 13. has bought |
| 2. have learned | 8. have eaten | 14. has had |
| 3. have seen | 9. has given | 15. has worked |
| 4. have been | 10. has spoken | 16. has found |
| 5. has/begun | 11. have taken | |
| 6. has lived | 12. have/finished | |

Exercise 3

A. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. hasn't arrived | 6. hasn't bought |
| 2. haven't visited | 7. haven't seen |
| 3. haven't spoken | 8. haven't read |
| 4. hasn't begun | 9. haven't fixed |
| 5. hasn't stopped | 10. haven't been |

B. MATCHING

- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. c | 3. f | 5. g | 7. j | 9. d |
| 2. h | 4. a | 6. i | 8. e | 10. b |

Exercise 4

Answers will vary.

Exercise 5

Responses to questions will vary. You could also put students into pairs and have them write their partner's answers.

- Have you ever been to France?
Yes, I have. I was there last year. /
No, I haven't. I've never been there.
- Has the teacher ever been late for class?
- Has the pilot ever flown in a helicopter?
- Has your father ever made dinner for your mother?
- Have you ever found a lot of money on the street?
- Have the children ever gone camping in the forest?
- Has the baseball team ever won a championship game?
- Has the actress ever forgotten her lines?
- Has the police officer ever arrested anyone?
- Have the politicians ever broken their promises?

(continued on the next page...)

Answer Key cont.

Exercise 6

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. moved, have lived | 7. worked, has had |
| 2. have been, went | 8. fell, broke, has been |
| 3. lost, haven't found | 9. was, have been |
| 4. did, quit, haven't smoked | 10. have, met, spoke |
| 5. bought, has, bought | 11. drove, have, driven |
| 6. have, had | 12. started, have, learned |

Exercise 7

A. WRITE THE PAST PARTICIPLE

become	felt	let	spoken
begun	fought	lost	spent
bet	found	made	stood
bitten	flown	meant	stuck
blown	forgotten	met	swept
broken	frozen	paid	swung
brought	got/gotten	quit	swum
built	given	rung	taken
caught	gone	read	taught
chosen	grown	ridden	told
come	hung/hanged	run	thought
cost	had	seen	thrown
cut	heard	sold	woken/waked
dug	hidden	sent	worn
done	hit	shaken	won
drawn	held	shot	written
drunk	hurt	shut	understood
driven	kept	sunk	
eaten	known	sat	
fallen	left	slept	

Exercise 8

1. Bill and Rita have been married for 20 years.
2. Jordan has lived in his apartment since 2005.
3. Ellen and Rose have known each other for 40 years.
4. The teacher has been at school since 8:00 this morning.
5. Robbie has had a beard for six months.
6. Dennis has owned his car for four years.
7. Maria has worn glasses since she was five years old.
8. David has been in love with Patricia since they were teenagers.
9. Mark has worked at the bank for three years.
10. Sam has known how to swim for three years.

Exercise 9

Responses to questions will vary.

1. How long have you lived in Toronto?
I have lived in Toronto for 20 years.
2. How long has Jane worked at a travel agency?
3. How long has Bill worn glasses?
4. How long have Mark and Sharon been married?
5. How long have you known Ben?
6. How long has Margaret had a bad cold?
7. How long has John owned a Toyota?
8. How long has the teacher been in the classroom?
9. How long have Daniel and Sara been on vacation?
10. How long has Andrea spoken English?
11. How long has Kerry believed in ghosts?
12. How long has the boss been angry at his secretary?
13. How long has the fridge been empty?
14. How long have you felt sick?

(continued on the next page...)

Answer Key cont.

Exercise 10

1. They haven't finished their homework yet.
2. I have had the flu since last week.
3. She has been divorced for a long time.
4. He has been absent from school all week.
5. I have lived in this apartment since I moved to this city.
6. The teacher has already taught that lesson.
7. Edith has worn glasses since she was a child.
8. She hasn't been at work since she broke her leg.
9. The children have been very happy since they got a new puppy.
10. We have been anxious all morning.

Exercise 11

Answers will vary.

Exercise 12

Answers will vary.

Exercise 13

- | | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1. a | 3. b | 5. b | 7. b | 9. b | 11. a |
| 2. c | 4. b | 6. a | 8. c | 10. c | 12. b |

Verb Cards

Cut up the cards on pages 23–27 for review and practice with past participle forms of irregular verbs. You can adapt the activities from the following blog post to the past participle form instead of the simple past form: <http://blog.esllibrary.com/2015/02/26/5-fun-activities-for-irregular-verbs/>

For a printable list of common irregular verbs, see our Grammar & Usage Resource: <https://esllibrary.com/resources/2275>

SPELLING NOTE:

This lesson shows the American spelling of the words *Neighbor, Theater, Traveling, Traveled, and Practice*. Most other English-speaking countries spell these words this way: *Neighbour, Theatre, Travelling, Travelled, and Practise* (when used as a verb; *Practice* when used as a noun). Make it a challenge for your students to find these words in the lesson and see if they know the alternate spellings.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Find grammar charts and teaching tips for the Present Perfect on our blog: <http://blog.esllibrary.com/2016/11/03/present-perfect-two-uses/> and in our Resource section: <https://esllibrary.com/resources/2331>

Verb Cards

A. Base Verbs

be	become	begin	break
bring	buy	catch	choose
come	cut	do	draw
drive	drink	eat	fall
feel	find	forget	get
give	go	grow	have
hear	hide	hit	hold

Verb Cards cont.

A. Base Verbs cont.

keep	lay	lead	leave
let	lie	lose	make
meet	pay	put	read
ring	run	say	see
sell	send	shut	sleep
speak	spend	stand	take
teach	tell	throw	understand
wake	wear	win	write

Verb Cards cont.

B. Past Participle Irregular Verbs

been	become	begun	broken
brought	bought	caught	chosen
come	cut	done	drawn
driven	drunk	eaten	fallen
felt	found	forgotten	gotten, got
given	gone	grown	had
heard	hidden	hit	held

Verb Cards cont.

B. Past Participle Irregular Verbs cont.

kept	laid	led	left
let	lain	lost	made
met	paid	put	read
rung	run	said	seen
sold	sent	shut	slept
spoken	spent	stood	taken
taught	told	thrown	understood
woken	worn	won	written

Verb Cards cont.

C. Blank Cards
