



PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

Form

Subject + have / has + past participle

- the contracted form of have with 've or 's is often used:

I have made --- I've made

He has made --- He's made

Negative form

Subject + haven't / hasn't + past participle

You haven't made

She hasn't made

Question form

Have / has + subject + past participle

Have we made ...?

Has it made... ?

Examples

- o They've taken lots of photos.
- o I haven't been to Berlin yet.
- o He's already seen the film three times.
- o We haven't visited Tom yet.
- o Have you stayed here before?
- o Have we finished the coffee?
- o Has he left his job?
- o I've never lived in a city before.

Uses of the Present Perfect

Ⓢ We use the Present Perfect to show there is a connection with now : An action in the past has a result in the present.

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| o I've lost my wallet | = <i>I can't pay now</i> |
| o She's remembered her books | = <i>She has them now</i> |
| o We've finished the milk | = <i>There is no milk in the fridge</i> |
| o They've just arrived | = <i>They are here now</i> |

Ⓢ The present perfect is often used with the question "How long...?" as it talks about a time period which continues from the past until now:

- *How long have you lived here?*
- **Since** 2013.
- *How long has she studied French?*
- **For** three years.

Ⓢ We commonly use 'for' or 'since' to talk about the length of time from past to present:

- o *He's lived here since 1986*
 - o *I've studied English for 10 years*
- 'since' is used with the start time in the past
'for' is used with the quantity of time



- Ⓜ We also use the present perfect with time expressions '**already**', '**yet**' and '**just**':
 - I've just finished my homework = *I finished my homework a short time ago.*
 - They've already left, they had to catch the bus this morning. = *they left before expected*
 - Haven't you done the washing up yet? = *the speaker expected the washing to be done.*

- Ⓜ It is common to use '**ever**' and '**never**' with the Present Perfect to talk about **experiences** we have or haven't had in our lives before now and **how many times** we have visited a place:
 - Have you ever been to Edinburgh?
 - They've never visited us before.
 - How many times have you listened to that song?
 - I've been to that shop hundreds of times.
 - Have you seen this film before?

- Ⓜ The Present Perfect is used to talk about **change**. It is often used to give news headlines and report about recent developments or trends:
 - The Minister of Education has announced that she will resign.
 - The cost of living has risen considerably over the last decade.
 - Our company has developed two new products this year.
 - Jamie has grown a lot since I last saw him.
 - The sea level has risen by over 20cm since 1880.

SPEAKING PRACTICE

Using the present perfect, talk about:

- a task you have completed today.
- something you have achieved this year.
- your travel experiences, places you have visited, how many times etc.
- how your home town has changed since you were a child.
- today's headline story in the news
- your work experience
- climate change and how this has affected the environment.

WRITING

Choose one of the above topics and write up your ideas, focus on using the present perfect.