**Present Perfect Tenses**

1. We use the Present Perfect to indicate that something in the past is connected to something in the present.

   The child has learned fractions.

   The child knows fractions now. The child had a lesson in fractions in the past.
   (Fractions are parts of a number: one half, one quarter, one eighth.)

   **Jian-Hui:** Have you seen Gone with the Wind, Eileen?
   **Eileen:** Yes, I have. I liked it very much.

   Eileen has seen the movie and is familiar with it. She did not specify WHEN she saw it.

2. We use the Present Perfect with a repeated activity before now.

   I have taken the TOEFL test three times. This is the third time I have taken the TOEFL.

   I took the test three times before right now. I am taking the test now.
   I am not taking the test now.

3. We use the Present Perfect with "for" or "since" for an activity or action that starts in the past and continues into the present.

   Ahmed has lived in Cairo for six years. It's been raining for six days.
   (He still lives there.) (It's still raining.)

   I've been staying at the Hilton since Tuesday.
   The temperature has been above 30 degrees Centigrade since June 01.
Complete the chart.

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The Present perfect Tense: Regular and Irregular Verbs

1. We form the present perfect with *have/has* and the past participle of the verb.

2. We form the past participle of regular verbs by adding *–ed* to the verb. This is the same form as the simple past tense: *play, played finish, finished*

3. Irregular verbs have irregular past participles: *know, known write, written*

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Exercise: 1 Complete the following sentences with the present perfect of the verb in parentheses.

Belton is a small town. Brad Peltry (live) ______ has lived ___ in Belton all his life. Brad is 58 years old. Brad is married. He (be) ___________ married to Dora for 25 years. They (know) ___________ each other since high school. Brad and Dora have a son. He is a student at a university in Atlanta. He (study) ___________ medicine for three years now.

Brad owns the grocery store in town. He (own) ___________ the store for 22 years. He (work) ___________ in the store for 22 years. Something strange has happened this week. Nobody (see) ___________ Brad for four days. His truck (disappear) ___________. Dora doesn’t know where he is. Dora (be) ___________ worried. Brad (have) ___________ money problems lately.

Exercise: 2 Write complete sentences.

Use the verbs from the list and the present perfect tense.

be- was/were – been  
make – made – made  
speak-spoke-spoken  
have-had-had  
see-saw-seen  
visit-visited-visited  
live-lived-lived  
send-sent-sent  
write-wrote-written

1. Bob/live/on the farm all his life

Bob has lived on the farm all his life.
2. Bob and Brenda be married for 55 years
______________________________________________________________.

3. Bob and Brenda be happy
______________________________________________________________.

4. Bob have a good life
______________________________________________________________.

5. Jim have an interesting life.
______________________________________________________________.

6. Jim’s family life be unhappy
______________________________________________________________.

7. Jim visit many countries
______________________________________________________________.

8. Jim make a lot of money
______________________________________________________________.

9. Jim live alone for ten years
______________________________________________________________.

10. Bob write to Jim every Christmas
______________________________________________________________.

11. Bob send pictures of his family to Jim
______________________________________________________________.

12. Bob not see Jim for a long time
______________________________________________________________.

The Present perfect Tense: Negative Statement and Questions

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**Exercise 3: Complete the sentences using the present perfect tense of the verbs in parentheses.**

Alex: How long (be) have you **been** in this class?
Peter: Since February.
Alex: (make) ____________ you ____________ any friends?
Peter: Yes, I (make) __________________ a lot of friends in this class, but my English (not, improve) __________________________.

John: How long (have) _________________ you __________ your driver’s license?
Bob: For two years.
John: (have) _________________ you ______________ any accidents?
Bob: No, I ________________.

Leyla: How long (study) _________________ you __________ English?
Yumi: For six years, but I (not, speak) _________________ English with American people in a long time.
Leyla: Me neither. I (not, speak) _________________ English with English or American people, but I (watch) _________________ American movies for many years.
Sue: How long (work) ____________ you ____________ here?
Don: Since May. But I (be) ______________ a computer programmer for four years.
Sue: (work) ____________ you ________ for other companies?
Don: Yes, I _________________. I (work) ________________ for three companies since the year 2000.
Sue: (live) ____________you ____________ in Boston since 2000?
Don: Yes, I _________________. I like Boston. How long (live) ____________ you ________________ in Boston?
Sue: For three months now, and the weather (not, be) ________ good for the last three months. It (be) ________ so cold.

Lillian: How long (be) ____________ John _____________ married?
Andrea: He (be) ________________ married for six months, but he (know) ________________ his wife for ten years.

**Since and For**

We use for and *since* with the present perfect to talk about how long the action or situation existed from the past to the present. We use *for* to talk about a length of time; we use *since* to talk about when a period of time began.

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**Exercise: 4 Complete the sentences with for or since.**

1. Mark and Yolanda have been married ____________ 22 years.
2. They have been at the same address ________________ 1992.
3. Yolanda has been a teacher ________________ 1990.
4. Mark has been a salesman ___________ 25 years.
5. He has been with the same company ___________ 1995.
6. Now Mark is in Texas on a business trip. He has been there ___________ last Monday.
7. Mark has been on four business trips ___________ last June.
8. It’s Saturday. Yolanda is at the shopping center. She has been there _________ 10:00 this morning. She wants to get a birthday present for her son, Clark. He is 16 today.
9. Yolanda has been busy _________ yesterday. She wants to prepare for Clark’s birthday.
10. Right now Clark is at the school gym. He has been there ___________ 9.00 this morning.
11. Clark has been at the gym ___________ three hours now.
12. He has been on the school basketball team ___________ a years.
13. Clark has also been the top student in his class ___________ three years.
14. Nick has been Clark’s best friend ___________ 1996.
15. Nick and Clark have been in the same class ___________ many years.
16. Nick is always with Clark. Nick has been with Clark ___________ this morning.

Present Perfect and Past simple: time expressions

We use the present perfect with: ever, never (any time/not any time)
Have you ever seen a lion? I’ve never seen a lion.

just (a short time ago)
Is Peter here? No, he’s just gone out. There he is!

yet (not finished – with negatives and questions)
I haven’t finished yet.
Have you finished your homework yet? No, I’m still doing it.

already (finished)
Have a sandwich?
No thanks, I’ve already eaten. I had lunch at 12.00.
Exercise 5: Complete these sentences with just, yet, already.

1. Would you like something to eat? No, thanks. I’ve just had lunch (just/have)
2. Do you know where Julia is? Yes, I___________ her. (just/see)
3. What time is David leaving? He _________ (already/leave)
4. What’s in the newspaper today? I don’t know. I __________ (not/read/yet)
5. Is Ann coming to the cinema with us? No, she __________ the film. (already/see)
6. Are your friends here yet? Yes, they __________ (just/arrive)
7. What does Tim think about your plan? I ________________ (not/tell/yet)

Exercise: 6 Underline the correct word in each sentence.

1. Have you ever/yet visited Slovenia?
2. Tim has for/just come back from the USA.
3. I’m not hungry. I’ve already/since eaten.
4. Jane lived in Greece since/for fifteen years.
5. I can’t come out. I haven’t done my homework already/yet.
6. Mark has worked in Turkey ago/since 1998.

Exercise: 7 Complete each sentence with a time word from the box.

already ever just never since yet

1. Sue has been on the beach for an hour, but she hasn’t had a swim yet.
2. I don’t want to see this film. I’ve _______ seen it.
3. Have you __________ been to the Greek island?
4. Ouch! An insect has ________ bitten me!
5. George has __________ eaten Chinese food, so this the first time for him!

Past Simple or Present Perfect

Sorry, he isn’t here. He’s left.

Sorry, he isn’t here. He left at 8.00.

Renaldo has scored a goal!

We are interested that he has scored! We are not interested in when he did this.
Renaldo scored a goal in the second minute of the match.
We are interested in the time when he scored.

I’ve broken my pen. Now I can’t write my essay!
This explains why we can’t do something now

I broke my pen at school in the maths test.
This explains what happened, where it happened and when it happened.

Have you been to China? Yes, I have been there many times.
When did you go to China? I went there in 1998.

Exercise: 8 Underline the correct word in each sentence.
1. Can I have another book? I’ve read/read this one.
2. I’m not ready. I didn’t finish/haven’t finished my homework.
3. I can’t find my wallet. I think I’ve lost/lost it.
4. Did you eat /Have you eaten spaghetti last night?
5. Harry left/has left at 10.30.
6. Hurry up, Jim! You didn’t start/haven’t started!
7. Did you see/Have you seen this film last year?

Exercise: 9 Change the verbs in brackets into the past simple or present perfect.
1. Where (you go) did you go for your holidays last year?
2. I can’t play any more. I (just hurt) _____________ my foot.
3. Jane is a famous writer, and (write) _____________ over fifty books.
4. Sorry, I (not finish) _____________ my letters yet.
5. ‘We had a great party last week.’ ‘Who (you, invite) _____________?
6. Where (you, meet) _______________ Sam? Was it at the sports center?
7. Peter (not play) _______________ basketball for a month.
Exercise: 10 Change the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the present perfect simple.

1. Tina isn’t here. She (just go) has just gone to school.
2. What time (you get up) ______________ this morning?
3. Paul (have) ______________ a bad car accident three years ago.
4. I (live) ______________ in the same house since 1995.
5. What (you do) ______________ last night?
6. Brian (not finish) ______________ his work yet.
8. (you, see) ______________ ‘Men in Black?’ It’s a great film.

Exercise: 11 Choose the best answer, A,B,C or D, to complete the sentence.

1. ___________ to Europe?
   a. Have you ever been    b. Ever been you
c. Been ever    d. Were you ever

2. Danny’s not here. He ______________ to the office an hour ago.
   a. went    b. was going    c. has gone    d. has went

3. We ______________ to India.
   a. never have been    b. been never have
c. have never been    d. have been never

4. We ______________ grammar since early this morning.
   a. studied    b. have to study
c. have study    d. have studied

5. A: Have you ever had a dog?
   B: Yes, I ____________.
   a. have had    b. have    c. had    d. do

6. Nick ____________ since yesterday.
   a. have not called    b. hasn’t call
c. did not go    d. hasn’t gone

7. We ____________ to a movie for a long time.
   a. have not gone    b. hasn’t go
c. did not call    d. hasn’t called

8. When ____________?
   a. the movie starts    b. has the movie start
c. did the movie start    d. the movie has started
9. I __________ my mother yesterday?
   a. have called    b. was calling    c. called    d. have call

10. How long ____________?
    a. have been married John    b. married John
    c. has john been married    d. did marry John

Exercise: 12 Find the underlined word or phrase, A,B,C or D, that is incorrect.

1. Humans ___________ on Earth for millions of years.
   a           b                          c                   d

2. The weather ___________ in the last ten years.
   a       b       c                      d

3. There ___________ many earthquakes ___________ California since 1914.
   a       b                      c          d

4. The president ___________ in the country ___________ last Wednesday.
   a          b                              c               d

5. Students ___________ problems with English spelling ___________ a long time.
   a         b                                  c                    d

6. This ___________ the hottest summer ___________ 1964.
   a           b             c           d

7. People ___________ soccer ___________ four hundred years.
   a       b       c                      d

8. Mozart ___________ written 600 pieces ___________ music ___________ he died in 1891.
   a                       b             c                             d

9. Did you ___________ to Singapore when you ___________ in Asia?
   a             b                                             c     d

10. Since 1990, scientists ___________ many new drugs ___________ help us ___________ diseases.
    a                                   b                     c                      d