

Present Perfect

The Present Perfect is a verb tense that connects past actions to the present moment. It's used when we want to talk about experiences, achievements, or changes that happened at an unspecified time in the past but are still relevant now.

Present Perfect = Past action + Present result/connection

Formula: SUBJECT + HAVE/HAS + PAST PARTICIPLE

I/You/We/They have posted | **He/She/It** has posted

A) USES OF PRESENT PERFECT

1. LIFE EXPERIENCES (Ever/Never/Before)

Question: "Have you ever visited Paris?"

Positive: "Yes, I have visited Paris." (sometime in my life)

Negative: "No, I have never visited Paris." (in my whole life)

2. RECENT PAST ACTIONS (Just/Already/Yet)

Very recent: "She has just finished her homework." (minutes ago)

Completed earlier: "I have already eaten lunch." (before now)

Not yet: "He hasn't arrived yet." (but we expect him soon).

3. UNFINISHED TIME PERIODS (Today/This week)

"I have drunk three cups of coffee today." (today isn't finished)

"We have learned 50 words this month." (month isn't finished)

"She has called me twice this morning." (morning isn't finished).

4. CONTINUING SITUATIONS (For/Since)

"I have lived here for 10 years." (and still live here)

"She has been a teacher since 2015." (and still is)

"They have known each other for a long time." (and still know).

B) COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

Wrong: "I have seen him yesterday." **Right:** "I saw him yesterday."

Wrong: "She has written a letter last week." **Right:** "She wrote a letter last week."

Wrong: "They have finished yet?" **Right:** "Have they finished yet?"

Wrong: "I have eat breakfast." **Right:** "I have eaten breakfast."

C) SOCIAL MEDIA EXAMPLES

Experience: "Have you ever posted a viral video?" "I have never shared personal information." "She has created many educational posts."

Recent Actions: "He has just liked your photo." "We have already commented on the post." "They haven't responded yet."

Unfinished Time: "I have posted 5 times today." "She has gained 100 followers this week." "We have learned new vocabulary this semester."

Continuing: "I have used Instagram for 5 years." "He has been an influencer since 2020." "They have followed that account for months."

D) HOW TO FORM QUESTIONS & NEGATIVES

Questions:

Yes/No: "Have you finished?" "Has she arrived?"

WH- questions: "What have you done?" "Where has he gone?"

With ever: "Have you ever tried...?" "Has she ever been...?"

Negatives:

"I have not seen that movie." | "I haven't seen that movie"

With never: "I have never visited London."

E) COMMON IRREGULAR PAST PARTICIPLES IN PRESENT PERFECT

be → been: "I have been busy." | go → gone: "She has gone home."

see → seen: "Have you seen my phone?" | take → taken: "He has taken the book."

write → written: "I have written a letter." | do → done: "We have done our homework."

eat → eaten: "They have eaten lunch."