



English 1 (GUN 1C)

week 3

Form of Present Perfect

- Subject + **have/has** + past participle (V3)
 - *I have visited Japan.*
 - *She has studied English for five years.*

Common Time Expressions:

- *Ever, never, already, yet, just, for, since, so far*

Present Perfect Tense

Aspect	Explanation	Examples
Form	Subject + have/has + Past Participle (V3)	<i>I have seen that movie.</i> <i>She has visited Paris.</i>
Uses	1. Experiences (without time) 2. Changes over time 3. Unfinished past (with for/since)	<i>I have never tried sushi.</i> <i>She has become more confident.</i> <i>I have lived here for three years.</i>
Key Words	Ever, never, already, yet, just, for, since, so far	<i>Have you ever traveled abroad?</i> <i>I haven't finished my homework yet.</i>
Difference from Past Simple	Present Perfect = Unspecified time Past Simple = Specific time	<i>have visited Japan.</i> (sometime before now) <i>I visited Japan in 2020.</i> (specific time)

Base Verb	Past Simple (V2)	Past Participle (V3)
go	went	gone
eat	ate	eaten
drink	drank	drunk
write	wrote	written
see	saw	seen
take	took	taken
give	gave	given
come	came	come
do	did	done
have	had	had
make	made	made
buy	bought	bought
say	said	said
read	read (pronounced "red")	read (pronounced "red")
run	ran	run

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in the present perfect tense.

1. She _____ (travel) to three different countries.
2. I _____ never _____ (try) sushi before.
3. We _____ (live) in this house for five years.
4. He _____ just _____ (finish) his homework.
5. They _____ (see) that movie twice.

Answer key

1. Has travelled
2. Have never tried
3. Have lived
4. Has just finished
5. Have seen

Choose the correct verb form (Present Perfect or Past Simple) to complete each sentence.

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1. I _____ (never/see) a lion in real life.
 2. She _____ (finish) her homework two hours ago.
 3. We _____ (just/buy) a new house.
 4. They _____ (go) to Paris last summer.
 5. He _____ (read) three books this month.
 6. I _____ (meet) my best friend in 2015.
 7. My parents _____ (be) to Spain several times.
 8. The train _____ (leave) five minutes ago.
 9. She _____ (write) five emails today.
 10. We _____ (have) dinner at 7 PM yesterday.

Answer Key:

1. I **have never seen** a lion in real life. (*Present Perfect – unspecified time*)
2. She **finished** her homework two hours ago. (*Past Simple – specific time: two hours ago*)
3. We **have just bought** a new house. (*Present Perfect – "just" is used*)
4. They **went** to Paris last summer. (*Past Simple – specific time: last summer*)
5. He **has read** three books this month. (*Present Perfect – time period is not finished: "this month"*)
6. I **met** my best friend in 2015. (*Past Simple – specific time: 2015*)
7. My parents **have been** to Spain several times. (*Present Perfect – "several times" suggests experience*)
8. The train **left** five minutes ago. (*Past Simple – specific time: five minutes ago*)
9. She **has written** five emails today. (*Present Perfect – "today" is not finished yet*)
10. We **had** dinner at 7 PM yesterday. (*Past Simple – specific time:*

Past Perfect

- The **past perfect** is a verb tense used to show that an action was completed **before** another action or a specific point in the past. It is often used to clarify the sequence of events.

PAST PERFECT



REGULAR >

Subject **+** had **+** past participle

They had walked to the park.

NEGATIVE >

Subject **+** had not **+** past participle

She had not finished her project.

QUESTION >

Had **+** subject **+** past participle

Had they arrived before the meeting started?

The past perfect is formed using:

- The past perfect is formed using:
- **Subject + had + past participle (V3)**
- **Examples:**
- She **had finished** her homework before the movie started.
- By the time we arrived, they **had already left**.

When to Use the Past Perfect

- To show an earlier past action before another past event

Example: When I arrived at the station, the train **had already left**.

- To describe a past event completed before a specific time

Example: By 10 PM, they **had eaten** dinner.

- With "before" and "after" to clarify the sequence of actions

Example: I left **after** they **had called** me.

- With "just" to describe something that happened a moment before another past action

Example: She **had just left** when I arrived.

Common Time Expressions with Past Perfect

- Before
- After
- By the time
- Already
- Just
- Until

Past Simple vs. Past Perfect

Past Simple	Past Perfect
Describes completed actions in the past	Describes an action completed before another past action
Example: I ate breakfast at 8 AM.	Example: I had eaten breakfast before I left for work.

Fill in the blanks with the correct past perfect form:

1. When we got to the party, everyone _____ (leave).
2. She _____ (finish) her work before the deadline.
3. By the time he arrived, they _____ (eat) all the food.
4. I _____ (never/see) such a beautiful sunset before that trip.
5. They _____ (already/make) a decision before we could suggest an idea.

Thank you 😊
