

# Present Perfect (Simple)

FORM: HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE

## 1) INDEFINITE PAST ACTIONS

FINISHED ACTIONS IN THE PAST  
TIME NOT SPECIFIED

EXAMPLE: I HAVE BEEN TO SPAIN

I HAVE NEVER BEEN TO SPAIN

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO SPAIN?

I HAVEN'T BEEN TO SPAIN

CONTRAST: I WENT TO SPAIN YESTERDAY

USE PAST SIMPLE FOR FINISHED  
ACTIONS

WHEN THE TIME IS SPECIFIED

## 2) RECENTLY FINISHED ACTIONS WITH AN EFFECT ON THE PRESENT

ADVERBS: JUST, ALREADY, YET

I HAVE JUST EATEN.

I HAVE ALREADY FINISHED

I HAVEN'T EATEN YET.

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### 3) DURATION

ACTIONS STARTED IN THE PAST THAT  
CONTINUE IN THE PRESENT

HOW LONG HAVE YOU STUDIED ENGLISH?

I'VE STUDIED ENGLISH FOR 12 YEARS.

[ I'VE STUDIED ENGLISH SINCE I WAS  
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

FOR = QUANTITY OF TIME (2 WEEK, 5 MIN, 600 YRS)

SINCE = MOMENT IN TIME (SIX YEARS AGO,  
TEN MIN AGO, SINCE I WAS A CHILD)

BUT : I PLAYED TENNIS FOR 10 YEARS. I STOP  
ED BECAUSE I BROKE MY WRIST.

