PRESENT PERFECT (SIMPLE)

FORM: HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE

1. INDETERMINATE PAST ACTIONS

FINISHED ACTION IN THE PAST

TIME **NOT** SPECIFIED

EX: I HAVE BEEN TO SPAIN

I HAVE **NEVER** BEEN TO SPAIN

I HAVEN’T BEEN TO SPAIN

HAVE YOU **EVER** BEEN TO SPAIN?

CONTRAST: I WENT TO SPAIN YESTERDAY.

USE PAST SIMPLE FOR FINISHED ACTIONS WHEN THE TIME **IS** SPECIFIED

1. 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.

1. 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 WEEKS, 5 MINUTES, 600 YEARS)

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

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

Hi Claire!

Thanks for the photos of your trip to Nice. I \_have never been (never/be) there. Have you ever been (ever/be) to Scotland? I went (go) there last summer and it was amazing! I have never seen (never/see) such beautiful scenery. We climbed (climb) mountains and walked (walk) around huge lakes that the Scottish people call lochs. Have you ever heard (you/hear) of the tale of the Loch Ness monster?

Marie

Have you always HATED (hate) fish?

Thanks for the recipes. We’ve TRIED (try) two different recipes so far.

I’m worried about Sam. She’s BEEN WORKING (work) too hard recently.

I’ve BEEN TRYING (try) to call the Internet provider all morning, but I can’t get through.