**PRESENT PERFECT**

**Use:**

1. **Unfinished past** – action that began in the past and still continues

Example:

*We´****ve lived*** *in the same house for 25 years.*

*How long* ***have*** *you* ***known*** *each other.*

**Time expressions:** *for* (two years, a month, a few minutes ) – period of time

*since* (1970, August, 8:00, I was a child) – point of time

1. **Experience** – experience that happened at some time in one´s life. Action is finished, but the effects of the action are still felt.

Example:

*I****’ve been*** *to the United States. (I still remember)*

***Have*** *you ever* ***had*** *an operation? (at any time in your life)*

*How many times* ***has*** *she* ***been married****? (in his life)*

**Time expressions:** *ever, never, before*

*Have you* ***ever*** *been to Australia.*

*I’ve* ***never*** *tried bungee jumping?*

*I haven’t tried sushi* ***before.***

1. **Present result** – past action that has present result. The action is usually in the recent past.

Example:

*The taxi* ***hasn’t arrived*** *yet. (We’re still waiting for it)*

*What* ***have*** *you* ***done*** *to your lip? (It’s bleeding)*

**Time expressions:** *yet, already, just*

*I haven’t done my homework* ***yet.***

*I’ve* ***already*** *done my homework.*

!!! **BEEN, GONE**

He’s **been** to the United States. (**experience – he isn’t there now**)

She’s **gone** to the United States. (**present result – she‘s there now**)

**PRESENT PERFECT or PAST SIMPLE**

**unfinished actions completed actions**

*Ex.: I´ve lived in Texas for 6 years. Ex.: I lived in Texas for 6 years.*

(I still live there) (I don’t live there any more)

*Ex.: I’ve written several books. Ex.: Shakeaspeare wrote 30 plays.*

(I can still write some more) (He can’t write any more)

**indefinite time definite**

I’ve done it - for a long time I did it - yesterday, last week

- since July - two days ago, in 1987

- before - when I was young

- recently - for a long time

**!!! THIS MORNING/AFTERNOON**

Have yo seen Amy this morning? (It’s still morning.)

Did you see Amy this morning? (It‘s the afternoon or evening.)

**PRESENT PERFECT PASSIVE** use is the same in the passive as in the active

*Ex.: Two million cars* ***have been produced*** *so far this year.* (unfinished past)

*Ex.: Two hundred houses* ***have been washed away*** *by the tidal wave.* (present importance)

**PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS**

*Ex.: She has been studying for 3 years.*

*Ex.: How long have you been living there?*

**Use:**

1. **Activity that began in the past and is continuing now**

Example:

*How long* ***have*** *you* ***been working here?***

1. Sometimes there is no difference between the simple and the continuous:

Ex.: **I’ve played/I have been playing** the piano since I was a boy.

1. **Temporary activity** – on the other hand the Simple Present Perfect expresses a ermanent situation.

Example:

*I****’ve been living*** *in this house for the past few months. (*temporary)

I‘***ve lived*** *here all my life. (permanent)*

1. The past activity **might be finished** or **not**. The context usually makes this clear:

*Look out! It has been snowing. (It has stopped already.)*

*I’ve been writing this book for two years. (It still isn’t finished.)*

**PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE or PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS**

**completed actions activity over a period of time**

*Ex.: I´ve painted the kitchen, and now Ex.: I‘ve got paint in my hair as*

*I’m doing the bathroom. I’ve been decorating.*

**sentence has a number or a quantity activity over a period of time**

*Ex.: I´ve read 10 chapters. Ex.: I‘ve been reading all day.*

*She’s eaten 10 biscuits. She’s been eating since she came.*