



ENGLISH

Chapter 3 Session A

4th
SECONDARY

**Present Perfect and
Simple Past**



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Get talking!

- 1** Discuss the pictures with a partner.
What can you see? What are the people doing?
- 2** Do you try to keep in touch with people?
Who is your oldest friend?



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09 Listen and read.



Conversation

Mariana: Joe! Hi. How are you? I haven't seen you since graduation

Joe: Hi, Mariana. What a surprise! It's been a long time.

Mariana: You're looking well.

Joe: Thanks. I heard you're a mom now!

Mariana: Yeah, I got married a year ago. This is my son, Lucas.

Joe: He's really cute. Congratulations!

Mariana: Thanks. Anyway, how about you? Didn't you go traveling or something?

Joe: Yeah, I went to Peru for six months and then I spent a year in Europe. I've just come back, actually.

Mariana: That sounds amazing. I've never been abroad! So, what are your plans now?

Joe: Well, I'm looking for a job, but I haven't found one yet.

Mariana: Do you want to be a babysitter?

Joe: Er ... no thanks!



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Language box



She **got married** a year ago.



He **went** to Peru for six months.

He's **been** back for two weeks.

He's just **come back** from Europe.

He **hasn't found** a job yet.

Grammar reference » p.103





Present perfect

We use the **present perfect** to talk about the following:

- events and situations that started in the past and continue into the present:
I've **lived** in Sydney for five years.
- general experiences:
Have you ever **been** to the U.S.?
They've never **seen** an elephant.
- recent events:
It's just **started** to rain.
We've already **finished** lunch.
Have you **done** the report yet?



Note the position of *ever*, *never*, *just*, *already*, and *yet* in the examples above.

Affirmative		Negative	
I You We They	} have studied.	I You We They	} haven't studied.
He She	} has studied.	He She	} hasn't studied.
Questions		Short answers	
Have you studied?		Yes, I have . No, I haven't .	
Has he studied?		Yes, he has . No, he hasn't .	



We use **for** for a period of time:

I've been here **for** ten minutes.

We use **since** for a point of time:

I've been here **since** one o'clock.

been/gone

The verb **go** has two past participles, **been** and **gone**:

Ann has **been** to Germany. = She went to Germany and now she's returned.

Ann has **gone** to Germany. = She's in Germany now.

Present perfect vs. simple past

We use the **simple past** to talk about events and situations that happened at a specific time in the past.



1 Make questions using the present perfect and these words.

this / you / take / already / vacation / year / a
Have you already taken a vacation this year?

1 this / sports / play / you / already / week

2 you / met / anyone / ever / famous

3 countries / visit / you / what / foreign

4 you / anything / do / exciting / recently

5 you / body / ever / a / break / bone / your / in



Challenge!

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 1.

A: Have you already taken a vacation this year?

B: Yes, I have. I went skiing in February.

**2****Circle the correct answers.**

- 1 *I've been / I went* to Australia last summer.
- 2 Jennie *didn't see / hasn't seen* her best friend a lot this year.
- 3 *We've become / We became* friends a year ago.
- 4 *He's had / He had* the same car for five years now.
- 5 When *have you moved / did you move* to New Zealand?
- 6 *I lived / have lived* here for over three years now.
- 7 William *started / has started* his business in 2011.
- 8 *I made / have made* a lot of friends since I moved to Florida.



Vocabulary



1 Complete the text using prepositions.

"My life changed a lot after I graduated ¹ from college.
I left home, moved ² _____ Singapore and started work.
I met Wendy and we fell ³ _____ love. We've been married
⁴ _____ nearly two years. We're saving ⁵ _____
because we want ⁶ _____ buy a house, settle ⁷ _____
and start a family." **Josh**



2 Circle the correct prepositions.

- 1 Since Vic gave *up* / *in* soccer, he's put *up* / *on* a lot of weight.
- 2 I went out *with* / *for* Jane for a year, but we broke *off* / *up* last summer.
- 3 I feel a lot healthier since I decided *to* / *about* work less and take *over* / *up* exercise.
- 4 Takashi went *to* / *at* college, but he dropped *off* / *out* after six months.
- 5 I haven't been back *on* / *to* my hometown since I moved *away* / *off* in 2015.

Real life exchange

**1**

Before you listen, complete the conversation using a verb in the present perfect or simple past. Work with a partner.

A: Hi, Ryan. I ¹ _____ you in a long time.

B: Yeah, I know. I ² _____ back from Italy.

A: Wow! How long ³ _____ you there?

B: A month! I ⁴ _____ all last year to pay for it.

A: That's great. You look very well.

B: Thanks. I ⁵ _____ smoking.

A: Good for you. I ⁶ _____ jogging last month,
but I ⁷ _____ any weight yet.

**2**

11 Listen and check. Then practice the conversation with your partner.



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Strategy: Reacting to news

1 Complete each conversation with an expression.

Congratulations	Good for him	How exciting
It's OK	That sounds interesting	That's too bad



- 1 "I've just gotten a new job." "That's great news. _____!"
- 2 "Sorry I forgot your birthday last week." "_____. I don't mind."
- 3 "Lucy and Brad have broken up." "_____. What a shame."
- 4 "Ian has decided to give up smoking." "_____. It's about time."
- 5 "Jack has started doing karate." "_____. I'd like to try that, too."
- 6 "Tim and I have decided to go traveling." "_____. I bet it'll be fantastic."

2 12 Listen and check. Then practice the conversations with your partner.