

## Present Perfect Tense

The **present perfect tense** is used when one intends to indicate:

- an action that occurred at a time which is indefinite and has its effect on the subject
- **or** an action that occurred many times and has the possibility to occur in the present/future
- **or** an action that began in the past and still going on in the present.

**Structure:**

**Subject + have/has + verb in the past participle form + . . . . .**

### The Present-Past-Past Participle Chart:

<b>Present Form</b>	<b>Past Form</b>	<b>Past Participle Form</b>
Shout	Shouted	Shouted
Read	Read	Read
Give	Gave	Given
Take	Took	Taken
Sing	Sang	Sung
Write	Wrote	Written
Wake	Woke	Woken
Cast	Cast	Cast
Lose	Lost	Lost

**Example:**

- Alex has read the book through. (No time is indicated)
- I have read this poem many times. (Not habitual but occurred many times in the past)
- He has lived in this apartment for 15 years. (Still going on)

More examples:

- Their event has not been approved this year. (Negative)
- Have we really done so badly? (Interrogative)

*Just, already, yet, just now, ever, lately, recently,* etc. are some of the signs for present perfect tense.

**Note:** *Already* comes between have/has and the past participle; *yet* appears with a negative form at the end of the sentence.

**Example:**

- Alex has already reached there.
- Alex has not reached yet.
- I have already cleaned the house.
- I have not cleaned the house yet. (Negative)
- Has she already gone home? (Interrogative)

### **Present Perfect Progressive (Continuous)**

It is the least used form of present tense. **Present perfect progressive tense** is used to indicate an action that began in the past and is still occurring in the present. Both present perfect and present perfect continuous tense can be used to indicate this type of action.

**Structure:**

**Subject + have/has + been + [verb + ing] + . . . . + for/since + time frame.**

**Example:**

- Alex has been reading for 3 years.
- I have been sleeping since 10.00 AM.
- Robert has been working in that shop for 6 years.
- We have been living together for four years.
- Have we really been waiting for a miracle for fifteen years? (Interrogative)
- She hasn't been doing her job well enough for the last 5 years. (Negative)

