**Unit 2 - Present Perfect (I have done)**

**A. Study this example situation:**

Imagine a friend, Leo, comes to your house. You offer him a coffee, but he says: "No thanks. I **'ve already had** one."

* He is not drinking coffee now. (He is finished with the coffee.)
* But he **has had** a coffee. This action happened in the past, but the result is important *now* (he doesn't want another coffee).

**B. have/has + past participle is the present perfect:**

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| **Subject** | **Auxiliary Verb** | **Past Participle** | **Example** |
| I/We/You/They | have ('ve) | driven/worked/done/eaten etc. | I **have finished** my homework. |
| He/She/It | has ('s) | driven/worked/done/eaten etc. | She **has seen** that movie before. |

We use the present perfect to talk about:

* **Actions that happened at an unspecified time in the past, with a result now:**
  + ☐ Oh no! I **'ve lost** my keys. (I can't find them now.)
  + ☐ They **have bought** a new car. (They own a new car now.)
* **Experiences (often with 'ever' and 'never'):**
  + ☐ **Have** you **ever been** to London?
  + ☐ I **have never eaten** sushi.
* **Actions that started in the past and continue to the present (with 'for' and 'since'):**
  + ☐ I **have lived** here **for** five years. (I still live here.)
  + ☐ She **has worked** as a teacher **since** 2010. (She is still a teacher.)

**C. We use have/has to make questions and negative sentences:**

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| **Type** | **Subject** | **Auxiliary Verb** | **Past Participle** | **Example** |
| **Question** | Have | I/we/you/they | worked? | **Have** you **finished**? |
|  | Has | he/she/it | done? | **Has** she **arrived** yet? |
| **Negative** | I/we/you/they | haven't | worked | I **haven't seen** him today. |
|  | he/she/it | hasn't | done | He **hasn't called** me back. |

* ☐ "**Have** you **read** this book?" "Yes, I **have**."
* ☐ We **haven't travelled** much recently.
* ☐ He **hasn't been** well since yesterday.

**D. Common Adverbs and Phrases with the Present Perfect:**

We often use these words with the present perfect:

* **just** (a very short time ago):
  + ☐ I've **just** had breakfast.
* **already** (sooner than expected):
  + ☐ They've **already finished** the project.
* **yet** (in questions and negatives, meaning 'up to now'):
  + ☐ **Have** you **finished** your work **yet**?
  + ☐ No, I **haven't finished** it **yet**.
* **ever** (in questions, 'at any time'):
  + ☐ **Have** you **ever met** a famous person?
* **never** (not ever):
  + ☐ I've **never been** to Paris.
* **for** (duration of time):
  + ☐ I've known him **for** ten years.
* **since** (from a specific point in time):
  + ☐ She's lived here **since** 2020.

**E. Special Uses:**

Sometimes we use the present perfect to make statements about recent actions:

* ☐ I **'ve decided** to learn a new language.
* ☐ The government **has announced** new plans.