Hello everyone!

Welcome to our mini-lesson on the **Present Perfect**! I know grammar can sometimes feel a bit tricky, but the Present Perfect is super useful, and we'll break it down together.

**What is the Present Perfect?**

The Present Perfect is a tense we use to talk about things that happened in the past but are connected to the present. Think of it like a bridge between the past and now.

**How do we form it?**

We form the Present Perfect with:

**have / has + past participle**

* **Have** for: I, you, we, they
* **Has** for: he, she, it

**What's a past participle?** This is the third form of a verb.

* For regular verbs, it's usually the verb + **-ed** (like "played," "finished," "watched").
* For irregular verbs, it's a special form you need to learn (like "eaten," "gone," "seen"). Don't worry, we'll learn these little by little!

**Examples:**

* I **have eaten** breakfast.
* She **has finished** her homework.
* They **have seen** that movie.

**When do we use the Present Perfect?**

We mainly use the Present Perfect for two situations at A2 level:

**1. Experiences in your life (at an unspecified time in the past):** We use it to talk about things you have done or experienced at some point in your life, but we don't say exactly when.

* "I **have visited** Paris." (I visited Paris at some point in my life, but I'm not saying when.)
* "She **has never tried** sushi." (She hasn't tried sushi in her life up to now.)
* "Have you ever **flown** in a helicopter?" (Is this an experience you've had?)

**Keywords for experiences:** *ever, never, before, many times*

**2. Actions that started in the past and continue up to the present:** We use this to talk about something that began in the past and is *still true* or *still happening* now.

* "I **have lived** in Vienna for five years." (I moved to Vienna five years ago, and I *still live here now*.)
* "She **has studied** English since 2020." (She started studying English in 2020, and she *still studies it now*.)
* "They **have known** each other for a long time." (They met a long time ago, and they *still know each other now*.)

**Keywords for continuing actions:** *for, since*

* **For** + a period of time (e.g., for three days, for two weeks, for a year)
* **Since** + a specific point in time (e.g., since Monday, since 2023, since I was a child)

**Present Perfect vs. Past Simple (A quick look!)**

This is important!

* **Present Perfect:** We *don't know* or *don't care* about the exact time it happened, OR it's still connected to the present.
  + "I **have been** to London." (I'm not saying when, just that it's an experience.)
* **Past Simple:** We *know* or *say* the exact time it happened in the past.
  + "I **went** to London last year." (We know exactly when: last year.)

**Let's practice!**

Now, let's try some examples together!

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) that museum many times.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) in this city since 2022.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) snails?
4. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / see) their friends for a month.

*(Answers: 1. have visited, 2. has lived, 3. Have...eaten, 4. haven't seen)*

That's our mini-lesson on the Present Perfect! Remember, practice makes perfect. Keep an eye out for it in your reading and listening, and try to use it in your speaking and writing.

Any questions?