

# Academic English L3 (Модуль 2. Английский язык для академических целей L3) (1 semester)

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## Grammar: Present Perfect vs Past Simple

### Grammar: Present Perfect Simple

IX. a) Match the following sentences with the situations when we use the Present Perfect Tense. There should be three sentences in each group.

1.

1. To talk about recent past events.

2. To talk about life experience.

3. To say that something has happened several times.

4. To talk about a state that started in the past and continued until now.
- a. I haven't seen the movie yet.

b. So far this morning, I have made 3 phone calls.

c. I have lived in England for 5 years.

d. She has recently changed jobs.

e. I have just finished lunch, I'm not hungry.

f. I have been to France twice, so far this year.

g. I haven't seen Steve since last week.

h. I have already read that book.

i. I have never been to Spain.

j. Up to now, I have completed 5 reports.

k. I have been an engineer since 2005.

l. The party was the worst I have ever been to.

b) In each group underline adverbs or other time expressions used with the present perfect.

c) [Choose proper time word to complete the sentences.](#)

d) [Have gone or have been?](#)

### Present Perfect and Past Simple (Academic English)

1. The present perfect is the tense that connects the past and the present. You can use the present perfect and the past simple to present different aspects of the same subject.

*In 2005, scientists **measured** a land temperature of 70.7°C in the Lut Desert of Iran, (past focus)*

*—>No higher temperature **has been recorded** on earth since then, (present focus)*

*—> This is the only time scientists **have recorded** a temperature above 70°C. (present focus)*

2. In academic writing, the present perfect is useful for referring to earlier studies or to generally accepted theories in expressions such as: *Studies **have shown** that..., It **has become** accepted that..., Mathematicians **have proved** that...*

3. You can also use the present perfect to summarize the arguments you have made up to that point in an essay or presentation.

*The first part of this report **has outlined** the way in which one-way road systems can be beneficial in reducing traffic congestion in town centres. Now, some of the disadvantages will be considered.*

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