## **Present Perfect Tense**

Intermediate Level Grammar Guide



#### **Form**

#### Subject + have/has + past participle

#### Structure:

- Positive: I/You/We/They have worked. He/She/It has worked.
- Negative: I haven't finished. She hasn't arrived.
- Question: Have you eaten? Has he called?

### **6** Main Uses

#### 1. Life Experiences (with ever/never)

Talk about experiences in your life up to now. The exact time doesn't matter.

#### **Examples:**

"I've traveled to Japan twice."

"Have you ever eaten sushi?"

"She's never been to university."

"We've worked together before."

#### 2. Unfinished Actions (with since/for)

Actions that started in the past and continue now.

#### **Examples:**

"I've lived here for five years." (still living here)

"He's worked at Google since 2020." (still works there)

"We've been married for 10 years." (still married)

"She's studied English since high school." (still studying)

#### 3. Recent Past with Present Results (just/already/yet)

Recent actions that affect the present moment.

#### **Examples:**

"I've just finished my report." (it's ready now)

"Has the meeting started yet?" (checking current status)

"She's already left the office." (she's not here now)

"We've completed the project." (it's done now)

#### 4. Repeated Actions in Unfinished Time

Actions repeated during a period that continues to now.

#### **Examples:**

"I've called him three times today." (today isn't finished)

"This week, I've attended four meetings." (the week continues)

"She's visited the doctor twice this month."

## **O** Common Time Expressions

Expression	Example	Meaning
ever/never	"Have you ever been to Italy?"	At any time in your life
just	"I've just finished lunch."	Very recently
already	"She's already left."	Earlier than expected
yet	"Haven't you finished yet?"	Up to now (questions/negatives)
since	"I've worked here since 2020."	From a specific time point
for	"We've lived here for 5 years."	Duration of time
recently/lately	"I've been very busy lately."	In the recent past
so far	"So far, everything is going well."	Up to this point

#### Native Speaker Note

# In real conversation, native speakers use present perfect constantly! Here's how:

- ▶ Checking status: "Have you finished?" instead of "Did you finish?"
- ▶ Recent news: "I've just heard the news!" (very common)
- ▶ Life updates: "We've moved to a new apartment." "I've started a new job."
- **Experience questions:** "Have you seen the new movie?" "Have you been to that restaurant?"

**Tip:** Native speakers often contract: I've, you've, he's, she's, we've, they've. This sounds more natural in speaking!



#### Practice Quiz

Complete these sentences using the present perfect. Think about WHY you use present perfect in each situation.

#### **Question 1**

Situation: A: "Would you like some coffee?" B: "No thanks, I \_\_\_\_\_ (already/drink) three cups today."

#### **Question 2**

Situation: Your friend asks about your weekend plans. You want to tell them about a movie that came out recently, but you don't know if they know about it. "\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_ (see) the new Marvel movie?"

#### **Question 3**

Situation: You started working at your company in 2020 and you still work there. Someone asks about your job experience. "I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) here \_\_\_\_ 2020."

#### **Question 4**

Situation: You're waiting for your colleague to send you a document. You want to check if they sent it. "\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (send) me that report \_\_\_\_\_?"

#### **Question 5**

Situation: You want to tell your friend that you went to Paris last year, but you're thinking about going again because you enjoyed it. "I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to Paris once, and I'd love to go again."



**Remember:** Practice using the present perfect in your daily conversations! Focus on the connection between past and present.