

Self-Access Learning

Topic :

Present Perfect Tense



Revision :
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Part(1)



Present perfect tense

We form the present perfect tense with **have / has + past participle**.

I You We They	have	eaten	an apple.
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He She It John	has	eaten	an apple.
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Present Perfect

Yet, just, already

Yet

In the Present Perfect tense, we use **yet** with **questions** or **negative (no) sentences**. We put **yet** at the end of the sentence.

Have you **eaten** the apples **yet**? (question)

'Yet' goes at the END of the sentence or question.

No, I haven't **eaten** the apples **yet**. (negative)

Just

In the Present Perfect tense, we use **just** with **positive sentences**. To say that something happened recently. We put **just** before the main verb.

My sister has **just** started a new job. (positive)

'just' goes before the verb of the sentence.

Already

In the Present Perfect tense, we use **already** with **positive (yes) sentences**.

To say that something happened before now. Put **already** before the main verb.

Have you **eaten** the apples **yet**? (question)

Yes, I've **already** **eaten** the apples. (positive)

'Already' goes before the main verb of the sentence.

ever / never

In the Present Perfect tense, we use **ever** (question) and **never** (answer) to **express frequency**.

Have you **ever celebrated** the Cheung Chau Bun Festival ? (question)

No, I've **never celebrated** the Cheung Chau Bun Festival. (answer)

Already / yet

e.g.

do



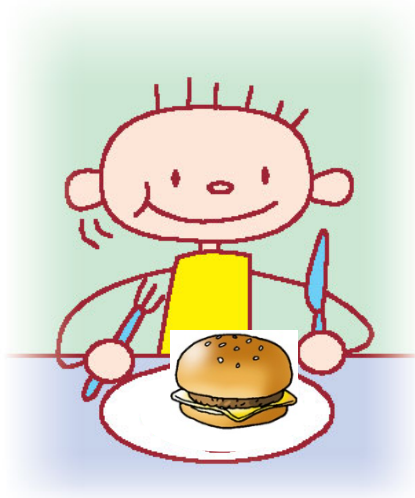
Has Mary done her homework yet?

Yes, she has already done her homework.

Already / yet

e.g.

eat



Has Ben eaten his hamburger yet ?

No, he hasn't / has not eaten his hamburger
yet .

Practice

1 (do)

_____ Mum _____ the washing
_____ ?

Yes, she _____ the washing.

2 (sweep)

_____ Sally and Joe _____ the
floor _____ ?

No, they _____ the floor
_____ .

Answers

- 1) Has / done / yet?
 - Has already don.
-
- 2) Have / swept /yet?
 - Haven't swept yet?

Practice

3 (throw)

_____ you _____ away the rubbish
_____ ?

Yes, I _____ away the
rubbish.

4 (write)

_____ Mark _____ the letter
_____ ?

No, he _____ the letter _____ .

Answers

- 3) Have /thrown / yet?
- Have already thrown.

4) has / written yet?

Hasn't written yet.

Practice

5 (visit)

How _____ have you _____ Hong
Kong Disneyland ?

I _____ there _____.

6 (watch)

_____ you _____ birds in Mai Po
Wetlands ?

No, I _____ birds in Mai
Po Wetlands.

Answers

- 5) many times / visited
- Have visited / twice
-
- 6) have /ever watched
- Have never watched

Present Perfect Tense

Part(for & since)



Present perfect tense

We use the present perfect tense with **since** and **for** to say how long an action has lasted.

I **have played** the piano **since** 2000.

I **have played** the piano **for** five years.

Present perfect tense

Since

We use **since** with the present perfect tense to refer to **the starting point** of an action.

I **have studied** at this school **since 2000**.



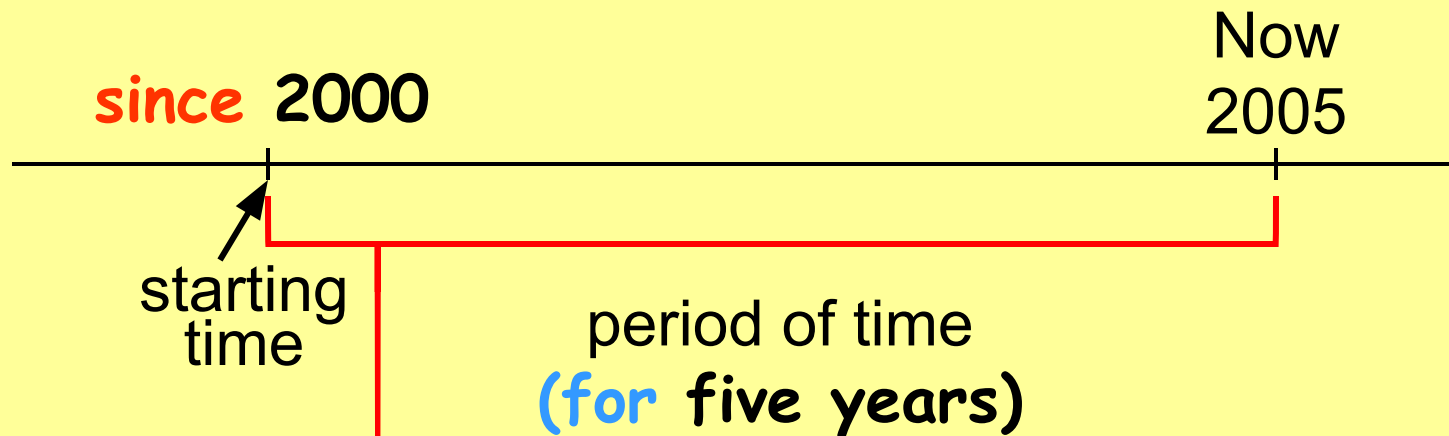
(2000 is a point of time, not a period of time.)

Present perfect tense

For

We use **for** with the present perfect tense to refer to **a period of time**.

I **have studied** at this school **for five years**.



('Five years' is a period of time, not a point of time.)

FOR - SINCE

I have been living in Japan **since** 2012.

since
2012

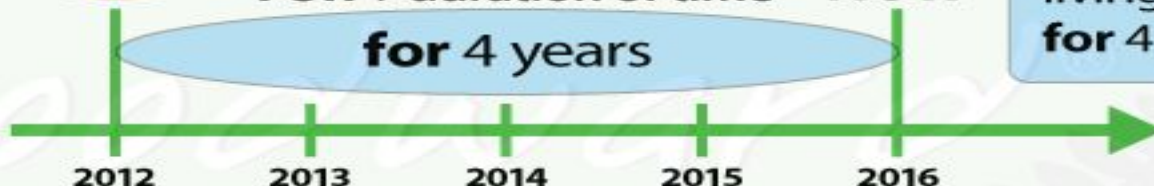
SINCE + starting point
(and continues until now)

FOR + duration of time

NOW

for 4 years

I have been living in Japan **for** 4 years.



FOR

+ period of time
+ number + time word

When we measure the duration of something or how long it lasts.

It has a start point and an end point and can be used in different tenses.

- I studied English in Ireland **for** 2 years.
- I will be there **for** around two months.
- We have been married **for** 14 years.

for ten minutes
for eight hours
for five days
for six months
for three years
for two centuries

FOR

SINCE

+ starting point
+ a time / a date

When something started in the past and continues until now.

Since is mostly used in the present perfect and perfect progressive tense.

- He hasn't eaten **since** 7 o'clock.
- I have been working here **since** June.
- We have been married **since** 2002.

since 8 o'clock
since Monday
since February
since 1982
since I left school
since the end of last century

SINCE

Practice (1)

Use **since** or **for**.

- 1 I have had piano lessons _____ ten years.
- 2 Peter has collected stamps _____ 2003.
- 3 Amy has grown flowers _____ last month.
- 4 My brother has played football _____ two years.
- 5 John and Jenny have been friends _____ eight months.
- 6 They have done ballet _____ 2000.
- 7 My father has driven his car _____ 1996.

Answers

- 1) for
- 2) since
- 3) since
- 4) for
- 5) for
- 6) since
- 7) since

Present Perfect Tense

(questions & positive & negative)



Present Perfect – Interrogative

Have + subject + past participle + ...?

Auxiliary verb	Subject	Past participle	Question mark
Have	I	worked	...?
Have	you	worked	...?
Has	he	worked	...?
Has	she	worked	...?
Has	it	worked	...?
Have	you	worked	...?
Have	we	worked	...?
Have	they	worked	...?

We use the **present perfect**, in the **interrogative** form, to ask about completed actions which have occurred in the past, are connected to the present and still have effects on it.





1. Look at the following examples

AFFIRMATIVE

They	have	been	to Italy twice.
She	has	driven	her new car.

NEGATIVE

They	haven't	been	to Italy twice.
She	hasn't	driven	her new car.

INTERROGATIVE

Have	they	been	to Italy twice?
Yes,	they	have.	
Has	she	driven	her new car?
No,	she	hasn't.	

Present Perfect Tense

FORM: have / has + past participle

Affirmative: I **have seen** the film before.
She **has seen** the film before.

Interrogative: **Have** you **seen** the film before?
Has she **seen** the film before?

Negative: They **haven't seen** the film before.
He **hasn't seen** the film before.

How long ...?

How long	have	you	done ballet? collected stickers? learnt the piano?
	has	he she	

I	have	done ballet collected stickers learnt the piano	sinc e	2001.
He She	has		for	one year.

How long have these children done their hobbies?



paint pictures, 2003

A: **How long** have you **painting** pictures?

B: I **have painting** pictures **since** 2003.



grow flowers, six months

A: **How long** **have** you **grown** flowers?

B: I **have** **grown** flowers **for** six months.



make handicrafts, March

A: **How long** have you **made** handicrafts?

B: I **have made** handicrafts **since** March.



play the violin, five years

A: **How long** have you **played** the violin?

B: I **have played** the violin **for** five years.



James
collect coins, two years

A: How long ~~has James collected coins~~ ?

B: He ~~has collected coins for two years~~



Shirley
collect seashells, last summer

A: How long has Shirley collected seashells?

B: She has collected seashells since last summer



Kate
do karate, last month

A: How long ~~has Kate done karate~~ ?

B: She ~~has done karate since last month~~

We cannot use the Present Perfect tense
with adverbs of time,
e.g. yesterday, two weeks ago.



☐ I **have done** my homework ~~yesterday~~.

☐ I **did** my homework yesterday.

Past tense & Present perfect tense

Past Tense

- ◇ actions that happened in the past

e.g. I sang yesterday.

Present Perfect Tense

- ◇ actions that started in the past and continue to the present

e.g. I've sung for two hours.

- ◇ actions that have just finished

e.g. I've just sung a famous song.

Past tense & Present perfect tense

Past Tense

- ◇ We know the specific point of time of the action.

e.g. I **drew** a picture last night.

Present Perfect Tense

- ◇ We do not know the time of the action.

e.g. I've **drawn** a picture already.

Past tense & Present perfect tense

Past Tense

◇ verb - 1 word

e.g. I **started** playing
the violin in 2000.

◇ Hint words:

yesterday,
last night,
last Sunday,
last year, ago,
in 2000

Present Perfect Tense

◇ verb - 2 words

e.g. I've **played** the violin
since 2000.

◇ Hint words:

since, for, already, just,
yet, ever

practice

- 1 I _____ in Hong Kong since 1990.
(live)
- 2 My parents _____ our house in 2000. (buy)
- 3 Miss Lee _____ at my school
for two years. (teach)
- 4 Tom _____ his uncle one month ago. (visit)
- 5 Polly and Dolly _____ friends
since last year. (be)
- 6 The baby _____ for four hours. (sleep)

Practice (2)

e.g. I made a dress two weeks ago. (make)

1 I have lived in Hong Kong since 1990.
(live)

2 My parents bought our house in 2000. (buy)

3 Miss Lee has taught at my school
for two years. (teach)

4 Tom visited his uncle one month ago. (visit)

5 Polly and Dolly have been friends
since last year. (be)

6 The baby has slept for four hours. (sleep)

Hi girls,

Please answer the activities in
work book p 65 ACT 1&2&3

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