

Comparativi

Si prevede **sempre** l'uso di "than", che significa "rispetto a"

- Di maggioranza

Aggettivo corto = Aggettivo + "er"

Esempio:

I supercomputer sono più piccoli dei server

The supercomputers are smaller than server

Aggettivo lungo = Aggettivo + "more"

I portatili sono più comodi rispetto ai server

Laptops are more comfortable than servers

- Di minoranza

Aggettivo corto o lungo = Aggettivo + "less"

I portatili sono meno potenti rispetto ai server

Laptops are less powerful than servers

Prefixes and suffixes

Here is a brief list of the main prefixes and suffixes used in the IT field:

Prefix	Meaning	Example
a- / dis-	opposite of / not	<i>asynchronous, disconnect</i>
in- (il- / im- / ir-)	opposite of / not	<i>impossible, irreplaceable, illegal</i>
un- non-	opposite of / not	<i>uninstall, non-volatile, unzip</i>
mis-	wrong(ly) / bad(ly)	<i>misuse, misdirect</i>
mal-	wrong(ly) / bad(ly)	<i>malfunction</i>
over-	too much	<i>overload, overheat</i>
out-	surpassing	<i>outrun, outperform</i>
fore-	in front of /in advance	<i>foreclose, foreground</i>
re-	again	<i>re-centre, re-designed</i>
multi-	many	<i>multiprocessors, multicore</i>
pre-	before	<i>preview</i>
intra-	within / inside of	<i>intranet</i>
inter-	within / inside of	<i>interface, interactive</i>
de-	opposite of	<i>decode, deselect</i>

Adjectival suffix	Meaning	Example
-ful	full of	<i>helpful, useful</i>
-less	without	<i>wireless</i>
-able / -ible	capable of	<i>attachable, flexible</i>
-proof	that can resist something	<i>hackerproof</i>
-like	similar to	<i>robotlike</i>
-ical	connected with	<i>optical</i>
-al	connected with	<i>optional, computational</i>

Noun suffix	Meaning	Example
-ability / -ibility	quality of being	<i>usability, accessibility</i>
-ing	doing the action of	<i>programming, coding</i>
-ment	state	<i>advancement, development</i>
-tion, -sion	state	<i>communication, conversion</i>
-er, -or	executor of the verb	<i>compiler, operator</i>
-ship	status	<i>leadership</i>
-age	state	<i>shortage, storage</i>

Adverbial suffix	Meaning	Example
-ly / -ally	modality	<i>digitally, virtually</i>
-ward(s)	in the direction of	<i>forward(s), backward(s)</i>
-wise	similar to, as regards	<i>bytewise, bitwise</i>

Past simple vs present perfect

Il past simple

Di solito, questa è la prima forma di passato che si studia in inglese ed è anche la più comune.

Vediamo assieme come formare il tempo verbale:

Past simple	Esempio
Soggetto + Verbo_ed	I talked with you yesterday
Soggetto + didn't + Verbo	I didn't talk with you yesterday.
Did + Soggetto + Verbo	Did I talk with you yesterday?

Per utilizzare correttamente il past simple occorre tenere a mente due elementi chiave:

- **l'azione** deve essere **conclusa**
- il **momento** in cui si è svolta l'azione è chiaramente **concluso**
- Il **periodo temporale** è **precisato**.

Il present perfect

Il present perfect si costruisce in questo modo:

Past simple	Esempio
Soggetto + Have + Verbo_ed	We have arrived at the hotel.
Soggetto + Haven't + Verbo	We haven't arrived at the hotel.
Have + Soggetto + Verbo	Have we arrived at the hotel.

Per un corretto impiego di questo tempo, l'azione deve essersi svolta da poco oppure deve avere un effetto o un impatto di qualche tipo sul presente. I due elementi chiave da ricordare sono:

- la presenza di un periodo di **tempo indefinito o non concluso**
- l'**azione**/situazione non è ancora **conclusa**

Si usa con:

- for
- since
- yet
- already
- ever/never

Present Perfect is called like that because it combines the present [grammatical tense](#) (you *have*) and the perfect [grammatical aspect](#) (*done*). Compare that to Past Perfect which uses the past tense (you *had* + *done*), or the Future Perfect which uses the future ["tense"](#) (you *will have* + *done*).

As to why it's *perfect*, the term comes from Latin [perfectus](#), "achieved, finished, completed". Which is quite literally what you have done whenever you *have done* something.

Past simple / Present perfect

Past simple is used:

- Actions that finished in a definite time in the past

I bought this car last week.

- To ask when? what time? Where?

They have arrived. ≠

When did they arrive?

An hour ago.

Present perfect is used:

- Actions which happened in an indefinite time in the past and with visible results in the present

I have lost my key. (I can't find it now)

Have you seen Ann? (She is not here now)

- To describe very recent actions

She has just moved to a larger flat.

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