

More on the present perfect tense

GRAMMAR

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Lower-intermediate

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English





Goals

- Can correctly form and use the present perfect.
- Can structure the present perfect with 'since', 'yet' and 'already'.







Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, we will learn more about the present perfect. You will also learn to use it with the words *for*, *since*, *already* and *yet*.



I have **already** finished my report.

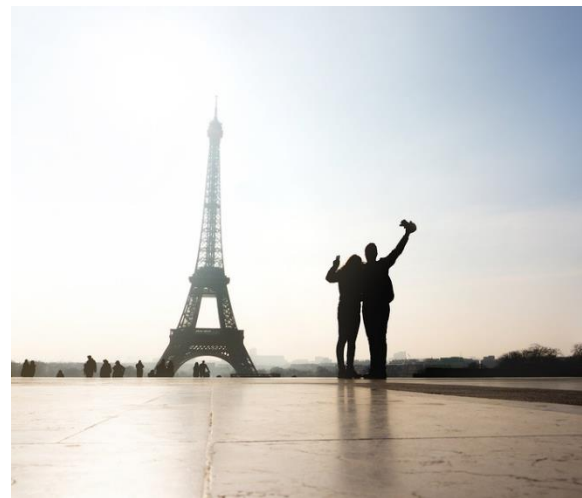


Review: do you remember the present perfect?

The present perfect has the following structure:

Subject + verb *to have* in the present + past participle of the verb

subject + <i>to have</i>	past participle of the verb
I have...	... worked abroad before.
You have...	... travelled the world.
He / She has...	... lived here with me.
They have...	... started a business.



He has **been** to Paris lots of times.



Review: when do we use the present perfect?

Here are some examples of sentences that use the present perfect:



I **have worked** in marketing all my life.

He **has lived** in five different cities.



She **has made** me a coffee.



Review: how do we form questions and negatives?

Look at the examples below with questions and negatives:



Have you **talked** to your colleague?

No I **haven't seen** him today! **Have** you **finished** the project?



No, I **haven't had** the time sadly.



Transform into questions

1. We have met before.

→ Have we met before?

2. You have worked as an engineer.

→ _____

3. They have started a business.

→ _____

4. You have finished your course.

→ _____

5. He has changed his address.

→ _____



Make the sentences negative

1. I have worked in HR.



2. She has called me many times.



3. I have studied for the exam.



4. We have worked here together.



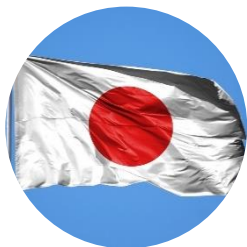
5. I have been to China.





Review: using *ever*, *never*, *just* and *recently*

We often use words like *ever*, *never*, *just* or *recently* with the present perfect:



Have you **ever** been to Japan?

No, I have **never** been there.



I have **recently** tried Japanese food.

I have **just** arrived in Japan. It's my first day.





Have you ever...?

Form *have you ever...?* questions using the ideas below.
Then ask and answer the questions as a group

work abroad

change jobs

complete an
internship

visit an English-
speaking country



Speaking

What is something you...



1

...have never tried?



2

...have done recently?



3

...have just finished?



Using the words *yet*, *already*, *since* and *for*

- The words *yet*, *already*, *since* and *for* are also used with the present perfect.
- They are all related to **time**.



I have **already** finished the report.



Using the word *already*

- We use ***already*** in affirmative sentences.
- It is used to mean **before the present time**.
- Note the position in the sentence:

- I've already called him.
- She has already been to China multiple times.
- We have already finished the project.





Using the word *yet*

- We use **yet** in questions and negative sentences.
- It means something that has not happened but is expected to happen
- Notice the position in the sentence:

- Have you finished your project **yet**?
- Have you talked to her **yet**?
- I haven't talked to my boss **yet**.
- I have not been to India **yet**, but I want to visit.





Examples

Look at these examples using **yet** and **already**:



Have you finished the email **yet**?

Yes, I've **already** completed it.
Have you checked it?



No I haven't looked at it **yet**.

Ok, please do that soon.





Fill in the gaps

Complete the sentences using the words *yet* or *already*

1. Have you finished your report _____? The deadline is today.
2. Yes, I have _____ finished the report.
3. No, I haven't finished the report _____.
4. Have you completed your tasks _____?
5. Yes, I have _____ completed my tasks. They were very easy.
6. No, I haven't completed the tasks _____. I think they are very difficult.





Role Play

Imagine you are a boss and you have a lazy employee. Here is their list of tasks. Ask them if they have finished them or not

finish finance
report

plan
presentation

book train tickets
to London

reserve table at
the restaurant



Speaking

Try to name a...



a food you haven't tried yet

a country you've visited already

a language you haven't studied yet



Using the words *since* and *for*

for

The word ***for*** indicates **a period of time.**



since

The word ***since*** indicates **a specific date.**





Examples

Here are some examples where we use *for*:



I have lived here **for** three weeks.

She has worked at this company
for a month.



She has travelled alone **for** the past
10 years.

We have wanted to start our own
business **for** a very long time.





Examples

Here are some examples where we use *since*:



We have lived here **since** 1992.

He has worked in marketing **since** February.



I have travelled a lot **since** summer.

She has been here **since** she was 18 years old.





Since or for?

1992 / three weeks / February / yesterday / 2017

2 years / a week / last week / my birthday

since

for

Remember: *since* is
for specific dates; *for*
is for periods of
time.





Fill in the gaps

Complete the sentences using the words *since* or *for*

1. I have lived in Los Angeles _____ 2018. The sun always shines here!
2. He has lived in London _____ over ten years.
3. We have worked for this company _____ too long.
4. I have worked here _____ February.
5. He has learnt English _____ he was a child.
6. I have studied English only _____ a short time.





All about you

Look at the questions below and ask each one to a partner. Make sure they are correctly using *for* or *since*

Since when have you worked at your company?

For how long have you learned English?

Since when have you lived in your country?

For how long have you lived in your town or city?



Fill in the gaps

Complete the sentences using the words *yet*, *already*, *since* or *for*

What an awful day. I haven't replied to any of my emails _____ and my boss has _____ told me that I need to work harder. But I'm too tired!

He has only worked here _____ last month and he's _____ decided he doesn't like me. I have worked here _____ such a long time and now I want to quit!

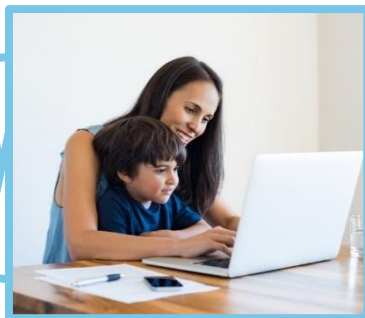




Who are these people?

Look at the people in the photos below. Create sentences for them using the words

already



Jane



Chris

for

yet



Tammy



Adrian

since



Discuss

Complete these sentences about yourself. Remember, you can also make them negative!



I have lived in
my city since...

I have worked
as a...

I have travelled
to...

I have just
completed a ...
course

I have done
an internship
at...

I have been to...

I haven't yet.

I have learned a
lot about...

I have studied
English for...



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise 1, p. 8

1. Have you worked as an engineer?
2. Have they started a business?
3. Have you finished your course?
4. Has he changed his address?

Exercise 2, p.9

1. I haven't worked in HR
2. She hasn't called me many times
3. I haven't studied for the exam
4. We haven't worked here together
5. I haven't been to China

Exercise 3, p. 17

1. yet
2. already
3. yet
4. yet
5. already
6. yet

Exercise 4, p.23

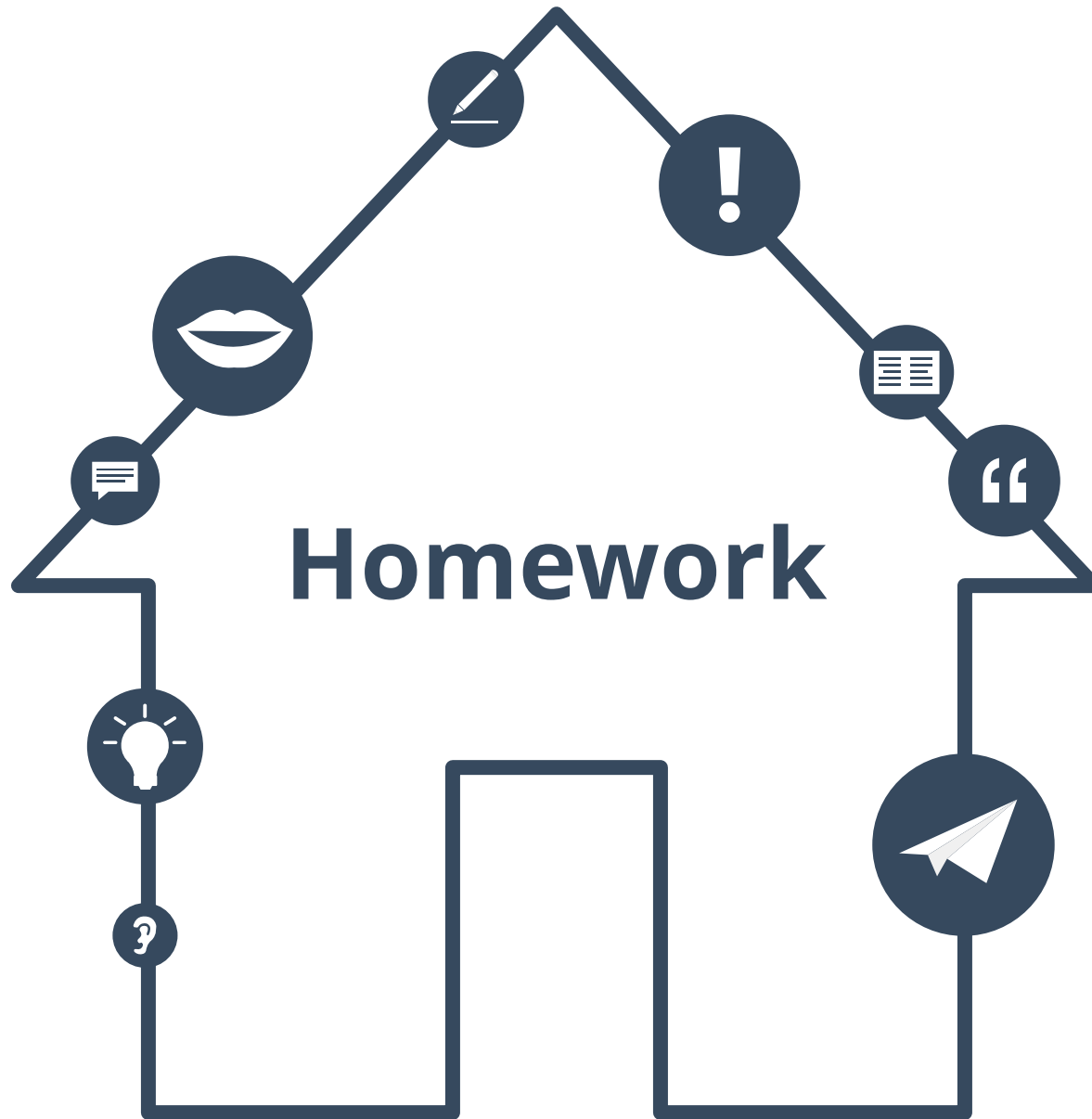
1. since: 1992, February, last week, yesterday, 2017, my birthday
2. for: a week, three weeks, 2 years

Exercise 5, p.24

1. since
2. for
3. for
4. since
5. since
6. for

Exercise 6, p.26

yet, already, since, already, for





What are the past participles of these verbs?

1. do

→ *done*

2. be

→ _____

3. go

→ _____

4. work

→ _____

5. study

→ _____

6. complete

→ _____

7. finish

→ _____

8. travel

→ _____



What are the past participles of these verbs?

1. start

→ *started*

2. volunteer



3. take



4. live



5. try



6. call



7. talk



8. schedule





For or since?

2015

last year

yesterday

a long time

a year

my birthday

2002

I was a child

December

April

3 years

a decade

for

since



Writing

Write about your own educational and professional experience using the present perfect. Remember to use words like “ever”, “never”, “recently”, “already” or “yet”.

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Answer key

Exercise p. 33

1. done
2. been
3. gone
4. worked
5. studied
6. completed
7. finished
8. travelled

Exercise p. 34

1. started
2. volunteered
3. taken
4. lived
5. tried
6. called
7. talked

8. scheduled

Exercise p. 35

for: a year, 3 years, a long time, a decade
since: 2015, last year, yesterday, I was a child, 2002, my birthday, April, December.



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