

The present perfect tense

GRAMMAR

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Goals

- Can correctly form and use the present perfect tense.
- Can determine when to use present perfect in negative sentences and questions.







Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, you will learn how to use the **present perfect**. You will also learn how to use it in negative sentences and questions.



I **have visited** Barcelona many times.



Present perfect: how to form

We form the present perfect using:

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

Subject	<i>to have</i> (in the present)	past participle
I	have	worked in Paris.
You	have	travelled a lot.
He	has	lived there his whole life.
We	have	visited many countries.
They	have	attended a meeting.



Forming the past participle

We form the past participle of regular verbs by adding **-d** or **-ed** to the verb:

play	played
work	worked
visit	visited
travel	travelled
study	studied



Have you seen a similar form of the verb before?

He has **worked** very hard on the project.



Present perfect: how to use it

We use the present perfect to **create a connection between past and present.**

Some situations will require you to use the present perfect.

Such as:

- To talk about situations that **started in the past and continue to the present.**
- To talk about **past experiences without being specific about the time period.**
- A past event that **has a present result.**





Examples

Here are some examples of these situations:



I **have studied** English my whole life.

I **have lived** in many different countries.



You **have worked** abroad a lot.



Examples

Here are some more examples of the present perfect.



I **have visited** interesting museums before.

I **have stopped** smoking.



I **have talked** to her many times.

I **have had** many pets.





I have vs I've

Sometimes, we can use **I've** instead of **I have**. It's short and useful!



I've studied for many years.

I've visited my grandmother many times.



I've worked here my entire life.



Do you remember the verb *to have*?

Conjugate the verb *to have* in the present simple

I

you

he / she / it

we

they





What are the past participles of these verbs?

stop

travel

walk

ask

call

talk

work

study

dance



Transform the sentences using past participles

1. I have **(travel)** alone before.

→ I have *travelled* alone before.

2. I have **(study)** abroad.

→ _____

3. She has **(work)** her whole life.

→ _____

4. I have **(call)** her ten times.

→ _____

5. We have **(dance)** a lot.

→ _____

6. I have **(walk)** the entire city.

→ _____

7. She has **(arrive)**!

→ _____

8. He has **(stop)** calling me.

→ _____



Which of these reflect your past experiences?

I have studied abroad.

I have worked in Germany.

I have had a pet.

I have asked my parents for advice.

I have danced for hours.

I have stopped a bad habit.

I have arrived late to a job interview

I have visited a great museum.

I have lived in another country.



Present perfect: asking questions

When you want to ask a question in the present perfect, just **invert the subject and verb *to have***!



I have visited my cousins. → **Have you visited** your cousins?



Examples

Here are some examples of questions in the present perfect:



Have you talked to your boss?

Has she travelled alone before?



Have you had many pets?

Have they arrived at the conference?





Transform into questions

1. Yes, I have studied physics.

→ *Have you studied physics?*

2. No, I haven't visited my mother.

→ _____

3. Yes, I have called her many times.

→ _____

4. Yes, I have danced at a wedding.

→ _____

5. Yes, I have worked for a long time.

→ _____

6. No, I haven't asked my boss.

→ _____

7. No, I haven't stopped smoking.

→ _____

8. Yes, I have talked to my teacher.

→ _____



Choose a card and ask your classmates the question

Have you studied English before?

Have you lived in Japan?

Have you worked in marketing?

Have you asked your boss for help?

Have you had more than one pet?

Have you won a prize?

Have you travelled alone before?

Have you played a sport?

Have you visited a beautiful city?



Present perfect: negative

When you want to create a negative sentence in the present perfect, you add the word **not** after the verb **to have**.



I have visited my cousin. → **I have not visited** my cousin.



Examples

Here are some negative sentences using the present perfect:



I **have not studied** English before.



I **have not travelled** alone.



You **have not worked** at this company.



I have not vs I haven't

Sometimes, we can use *I haven't* instead of *I have not*. It's short and more practical!



I haven't studied a lot.



I haven't danced at a wedding.



I haven't worked for a long time.



Speaking

Imagine you are one of these characters. Create sentences:
I have not... / I haven't...





Discuss

Tell your classmates about 3 things you have not tried in the past



1. I have not / haven't...

2. I have not / haven't...

3. I have not / haven't...



Two irregular past participles: *been* and *gone*



The verbs *to be* and *to go* have very different past participles. They are *been* and *gone*, respectively.



I **have been** to Italy before.
She **has gone** to England to start her new job.



Two irregular past participles: *been* and *gone*

We use *been* to talk about visiting a place for a short time.

We have returned and the trip is finished. We often use *been* to talk about countries we have visited.

- I have **been** to India three times.
- I have **been** to Italy before.
- I have **been** to the doctor, but now I'm home.
- I have **been** to China on holiday.



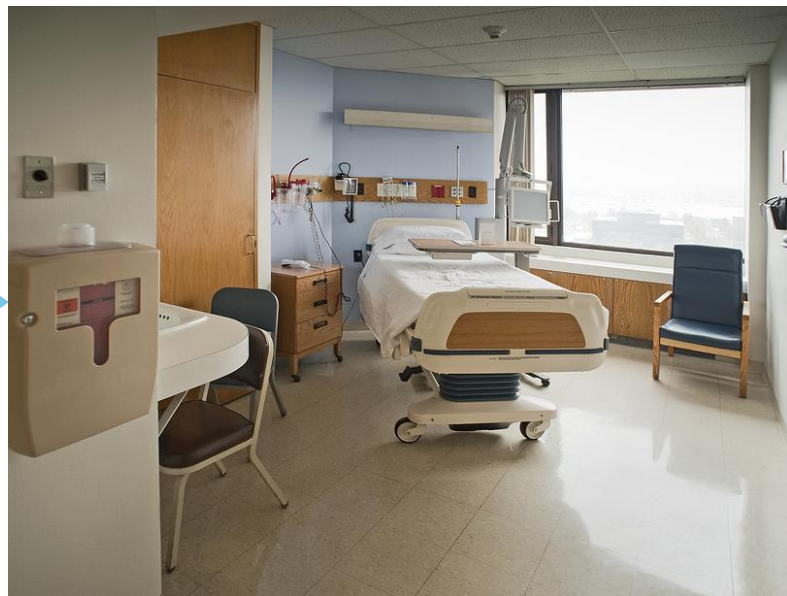


Two irregular past participles: *been* and *gone*

We use *gone* to talk about going somewhere that we haven't returned from.

If we say we have gone somewhere, we mean we are still there!

- She has **gone to the hospital**. She still doesn't know when she can leave and go back home.
- She has **gone** to Germany. She is living in Berlin now.
- The kids have **gone** home.
- Has he **gone** to the United States?





Been or gone?

**Complete the following sentences.
Do you use *been* or *gone*?**

1. I have not _____ to Asia. I really want to visit someday!
2. He has _____ to the hospital. I think he will stay there.
3. My mother is not home, she has _____ to visit Helen.
4. Have you _____ to Portugal before?
5. They gave her a new job, so she has _____ to England.



Been or gone?

**Complete the following sentences.
Do you use *been* or *gone*?**

1. I have _____ to India three times.
2. Have you _____ to Scotland before?
3. Sarah has _____ to the mall, she's not here for now.
4. Sorry, he's not home right now, he has _____ to the shop.
5. I have _____ to seven African countries.



Look at these characters: what places have they been to?

A



B



C



D





Speaking

**Share your experience with your classmates.
Which places have you been to? With work or for leisure?**





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 p. 11

I have
You have
He/ she / it has
We have
They have

Exercise p. 12

stop – stopped
travel – travelled
walk – walked
ask – asked
call – called
talk – talked
work – worked
study – studied
dance – danced

Exercise p. 13

travelled
studied
worked
called
danced
walked
arrived
stopped

Exercise p. 17

Have you studied Physics?
Have you visited your mother?
Have you called her many times?
Have you danced at a wedding?
Have you worked for a long time?
Have you asked your boss?

Exercise p. 27

Have you stopped smoking?
Have you talked to your teacher?

Exercise p. 28

been
gone
gone
gone
been
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been
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gone
been





What are the past participles of these verbs? (part 1)

1. travel

→ *travelled*

2. visit



3. study



4. work



5. talk



6. use



7. have



8. arrive





What are the past participles of these verbs? (part 2)

1. dance

→ *danced*

2. participate

→ _____

3. ask

→ _____

4. call

→ _____

5. stop

→ _____

6. be

→ _____

7. go

→ _____

8. try

→ _____



Match the question with the answer

1. Have you been to Spain?

a. No, I haven't lived abroad.

2. Have you gone to Brazil?

b. Yes, I have studied English.

3. Have you lived abroad?

c. No, I have only had a dog.

4. Have you tried playing football?

d. Yes, I've tried playing football.

5. Have you had many pets?

e. No, I haven't gone to Brazil.

6. Have you worked in Marketing?

f. No, I haven't worked in Marketing.

7. Have you studied English?

g. Yes, I've been there three times!



Writing

Please write about the places you have been to!

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Answer key

1. danced
2. participated
3. asked
4. called
5. stopped

Exercise p.36

1. travelled
2. visited
3. studied
4. worked
5. talked
6. used
7. had
8. arrived

Exercise p. 35

6. been
7. gone
8. tried

Exercise p.37

1. G
2. E
3. A
4. D
5. C
6. F
7. B



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