

# Grammar Reference

## Present Perfect

### Meaning and use

#### Positive

The present perfect is made with **subject + have/has + past participle**.

**I've taught** English in Italy and in Russia.

**Johnny Depp has starred** in lots of brilliant films.

#### Negative

The negative present perfect is made with **subject + have/has not + past participle**.

**I haven't seen the first Bond film.**

**I haven't seen** the first Bond film.

#### Questions

Present perfect yes/no questions are made from **have/has + subject + past participle?**

Present perfect question word questions are made from **question word + have/has + subject + past participle?**

#### Ever and never

We often use the present perfect with the words **ever** or **never**. **Ever** mean **at any time in someone's life**. We usually use **ever** in questions.

**'Has he ever worked** in China?' 'No, **he hasn't.**'

**Never** means **not at any time in someone's life**.

**I've never seen** the first Bond film.

Sometimes we ask questions with **never**. Often we do this to express surprise:

**Have you never eaten a banana?**

#### Past participles

The **past participle** is the third form of the verb. For example, with the verb **to see**, the three forms are: **see, saw, seen**.

We use the past participle in present perfect sentences with **ever** and **never**.

**Have you ever eaten** sushi?

**I've never seen** the first Bond film.

#### Regular and irregular verbs

Many verbs are regular. The past participle ends with -ed

**look - looked - looked**  
**climb - climbed - climbed**  
**want - wanted - wanted**

Some verbs are irregular. Here are some of them:

**become - became - become**  
**eat - ate - eaten**  
**forget - forgot - forgotten**  
**give - gave - given**  
**go - went - gone / been**  
**have - had - had**  
**know - knew - known**  
**meet - met - met**  
**read - read - read**  
**ride - rode - ridden**  
**run - ran - run**  
**say - said - said**  
**see - saw - seen**  
**sell - sold - sold**  
**sing - sang - sung**  
**win - won - won**  
**write - wrote - written**

