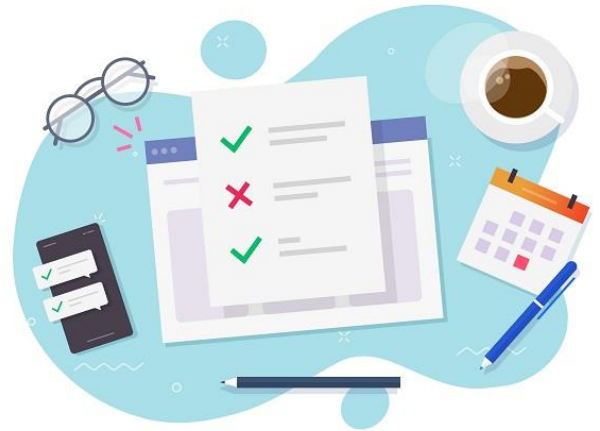


Have you done it yet? Present Perfect: **already, just, yet**

1. Discuss the questions.

- When was the last time you organized a party? Was it a good party?
- When you prepare for a party, what might go wrong?

2. Read the dialogue between a group of friends preparing a surprise birthday party and check whether you had the same ideas.



Sarah: OK, guys we need to check what we have already done. Mike, we'll start with you. Have you picked up the cake yet?

Mike: Oh, come on Sarah, I've just come back from the bakery.

Sarah: OK, OK, how about decorations?

Mike: Houston, we have a problem. Unfortunately, I haven't bought the balloons yet as the shop assistant told me they were waiting for a delivery that night. I hope to get them in the morning.

Sarah: Fingers crossed then. Bob, is the food ready?

Bob: Don't worry, I've already started preparing some casseroles and savoury tarts. Tomorrow, I'll prepare some salads and finger food.

Sarah: Great! It seems like we have everything under control. Let me check my to-do list. Oh shoot! I forgot about the present! I haven't ordered it yet! I have to run now! By the way, good job guys!

3. Read the dialogue again and choose correct options in the rules below.

- We use *already* when we want to say that something happened **later/sooner** than we expected, or **before/after** the present time.
- The meaning of *just* is: **a very short time ago/quickly**.
- *Yet* means until the present time and can only be used in **questions/affirmative sentences/negative sentences**.

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4. Complete these short dialogues using *just, already, or yet*, and your own ideas.

a) A: I'm going to the pharmacy. Do you want anything?

B: No, thanks. I.....

b) A:

B: No, I haven't. I'll do it tomorrow.

c) A: I 30 pages of my thesis.

B: That's a lot in such a short time. Keep it up and you'll finish on time.

d) A: Have you been to New York?

B: No,

e) A: Have you called Mary?

B: Yes,.....

5. ROLE PLAY!

Work in pairs. You're going to get a card with a role to play. Read your card and prepare to have a conversation with your partner.

6. After the role play, do one of the tasks below.

a. Write an email to your boss or friend after your meeting to summarize your progress.

b. Write an email to your friend to describe how the preparations for the party are going.

15 Present Perfect or Past Simple? (2)

1 I've been or I was?



PRESENT PERFECT

We use the Present Perfect for a state which has gone on up to the present. (David is still in hospital.)

We've lived here for ten years.

(And we still live here.)

PAST SIMPLE

We use the Past Simple for a state in the past, in a period which is finished. (David's stay in hospital is over.)

We lived there for ten years.

(We don't live there now.)

2 Have you (ever) ...? and Did you (ever) ...?

PRESENT PERFECT

We use the Present Perfect for actions in a period of time up to the present.

*This young director **has made** four films so far. He has made films means that it is possible he will make more films.*

Here are some more examples.

***Have you ever been** to America? ~ Yes, twice.*

***I've played** table tennis before.*

***We've never had** any money.*

PAST SIMPLE

We use the Past Simple for actions in the past, a period which is finished.

*The director **made** many films in his long career. He made films means that his career in films is over. He won't make any more.*

***Did Churchill ever go** to America? ~ Yes, I think so.*

***I played** table tennis at college.*

***We never had** any money in those days.*

3 Today, this week, etc.

PRESENT PERFECT

We use **today** and phrases with **this** for a period up to the present.

It hasn't rained today.

***Have you seen this** week's magazine?*

PAST SIMPLE

We use **yesterday** and phrases with **last** for a past period.

It rained yesterday.

***Did you see last** week's magazine?*

But sometimes **today** etc. can mean a past period. Compare:

I haven't seen Rachel today.

(It's still daytime.)

***Has the post come this** morning?*

(It's still morning.)

I didn't see Sarah at work today.

(The working day is over.)

***Did the post come this** morning?*

(It's later in the day.)

Test C: Present Perfect and Past Simple

A

Put in the past participles of the verbs in brackets.

- We've found (find) all the answers.
- 1 Have you (wash) the car?
 - 2 You haven't (eat) very much.
 - 3 They've (open) a new supermarket.
 - 4 You've (write) it in pencil.
 - 5 I've (make) the sandwiches.
 - 6 We've (have) our lunch.
 - 7 United have (score) a goal.
 - 8 The balloon has (land) in a field.
 - 9 Who's (break) this glass?
 - 10 It's warm because the heating has (be) on.
 - 11 Have you (sell) your flat yet?
 - 12 I've (finish) that job at last.

B

Complete the second sentence so that it follows on from the first. Use the Present Perfect.

- My hair is tidy now. I've brushed my hair.
- 1 The door is open. Someone the door.
 - 2 This is Oliver's drawing, look. Oliver a picture.
 - 3 The calculator is broken. Someone the calculator.
 - 4 United are the winners. United the game.
 - 5 There's no more wine in the bottle. We all the wine.
 - 6 The floor is clean now. I the floor.
 - 7 I know my number now. I my number by heart.
 - 8 The guests are here now. The guests
 - 9 I'm still working on the computer. I with the computer yet.

C

Decide which word is correct.

- I'd like to borrow this book. Has Anna read it yet.... ?
a) done b) for c) just d) yet
- 1 Ben writes very quickly. He's finished his essay.
a) already b) been c) for d) yet
 - 2 What are you going to do? ~ I don't know. I haven't decided
a) just b) long c) since d) yet
 - 3 I've to London. I went there in June.
a) been b) gone c) just d) yet
 - 4 Have you done any skiing?
a) ever b) for c) just d) long
 - 5 My boyfriend hasn't rung week.
a) for b) last c) since d) this
 - 6 I haven't seen that coat before. How have you had it?
a) already b) for c) long d) since
 - 7 The girls have to the cinema. They won't be back until ten o'clock.
a) already b) been c) gone d) just

- 8 I haven't seen my parents last Christmas.
a) already b) before c) for d) since
- 9 This is the first I've ever lived away from home.
a) already b) since c) that d) time
- 10 This programme must be new. I've seen it before.
a) ever b) never c) since d) yet

D

Some of these sentences are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓). If it is incorrect, cross the unnecessary *have* or *has* out of the sentence and write it in the space.

- ▶ Susan has lost her keys. She can't find them anywhere. ✓
- ▶ Christopher has hurt his hand, but it's OK now. has
- 1 The directors have arrived half an hour ago, but they didn't stay long.
- 2 It's raining, and Peter has left his umbrella behind, look.
- 3 It's a long time since your friends have last visited us.
- 4 None of you have called me for weeks. Aren't we friends any more?
- 5 We can play tennis now. The others have finished.
- 6 The company has bought some land, but then it sold it.
- 7 The computer isn't on now. Someone has turned it off.
- 8 Tessa has posted the parcel. It's on its way to you.
- 9 Several bombs have gone off in the city centre. It has happened an hour ago.
- 10 Simon has left. He and Oliver have left after lunch.

E

Put in the Present Perfect or Past Simple of the verbs in brackets.

- ▶ I've had (have) these shoes since my eighteenth birthday.
- ▶ I tidied (tidy) my desk, but now it's in a mess again.
- 1 The last time I (go) to Brighton was in August.
- 2 I'd like to meet a ghost, but I (never / see) one.
- 3 I've finished my homework. I (do) it before tea.
- 4 And the race is over! And Micky Simpson (win) in a record time!
- 5 I (work) for a computer company for a year. That was after college.
- 6 What time (you / get) to work this morning?
- 7 Martin (be) to Greece five times. He loves the place.
- 8 The President (come) out of the building and is going to make a speech.
- 9 You won't believe this, but I've got some tickets for the concert. ~ Oh, well done. How (you / get) them?
- 10 Of course I can ride a bike. But I (not / ride) one for years.
- 11 Marilyn Monroe (be) in about thirty films.
- 12 (you / ever / bake) your own bread? ~ No, but I might try it some time.
- 13 Janet (be) very ill three years ago.
- 14 Rupert has left a message for you. He (ring) last night.
- 15 (you / see) the news today? ~ No, not yet. I'll watch it at ten.
- 16 We moved here in 1993. We (be) here a long time now.