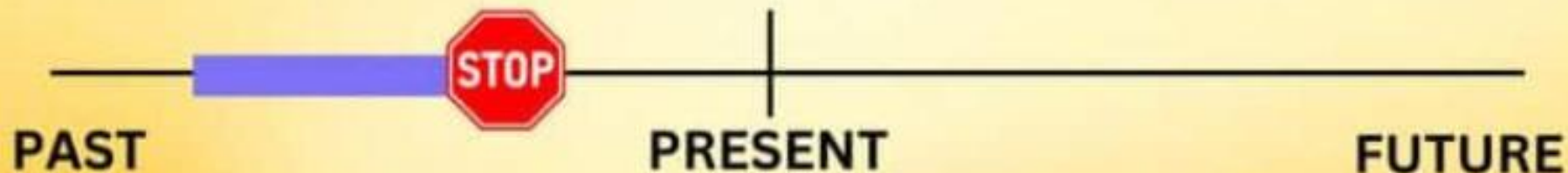


Present Perfect: Unfinished time



Past Simple: Finished time



Key Vocabulary

Irregular:

be - been

have - had

go - gone

see - seen

do - done

Regular:

Verb + ED

walk - walked

live - lived

visit - visited

paint - painted



Participle

A verb form used in perfect tenses. Example: 'eaten' in 'have eaten'.

Duration

How long something lasts.
Example: 'for five years',
'since Monday'.

Experience

Something you have done or lived through. Example: 'I have visited Teotihuacán.'

What Is the Present Perfect?

Connecting Past and Present

The Present Perfect tense links actions or experiences from the past to the present moment.

- **It shows results:** Something happened and matters now.
- **It shows experiences:** What people have done in their lives.
- **It shows continuity:** Actions that started in the past and continue now.

Example:

- I have learned English for two years (I still learn now).



How to Form the Present Perfect

1



Affirmative

Subject + have/has + past participle.

Example: She has finished her report.

2



Negative

Subject + have/has not (haven't/hasn't) + past participle.

Example: We haven't visited Oaxaca yet.

3



Question

Have/Has + subject + past participle?

Example: Have you read this article?



When Do We Use It?

Key Uses in Everyday Life

- **Life Experiences:** 'I have visited the pyramids.'
- **Continuing Actions:** 'She has worked here since 2018.'
- **Recent Events:** 'He has just finished lunch.'
- **Results:** 'I have lost my phone.' (I don't have it now)

Remember:

- Do **not** use the Present Perfect with specific past times (yesterday, last week).

Present Perfect vs. Past Simple



Present Perfect

Focus: NOW

Lost keys (still don't have). Lived here since 2015 (still lives here).



Past Simple

Focus: PAST

Lost keys yesterday. Lived here in 2015.

Common Signal Words

1

Ever/Never

Have you ever tried mole? I have never eaten escamoles.

2

Just/Already/Yet

We've just arrived. I've already paid. Have you finished yet?

3

For/Since

He has worked here for three months. She has studied since Monday.

4

Recently/Lately

Have you spoken with her recently? I haven't seen him lately.

Irregular Past Participles

Watch Out for Irregular Forms

Many verbs have irregular past participles.

Examples:

- go → gone
- eat → eaten
- see → seen
- do → done
- be → been

Common Mistake:

'I have went' ❌ 'I have gone' ✔️

Present Perfect Check-up!



Question 1:

Form a sentence using the Present Perfect with 'never' to describe an experience you haven't had.

Question 2:

Complete the sentence using the correct Present Perfect form of the irregular verb 'eat': 'I _____ (eat) enchiladas many times.'

Question 3:

How would you ask a friend if they have seen a new movie that just came out, using the Present Perfect and a suitable signal word?

Answers on the next slide...

Present Perfect Check-up!



Answer 1:

The Present Perfect with 'never' is used to talk about things you haven't experienced at any point in your life up to now.

Answer 2:

The correct past participle of 'eat' is 'eaten', making the sentence 'I have eaten enchiladas many times'.

Answer 3:

The correct way to ask about a recent event using a signal word would be 'Have you seen the new movie yet?' or 'Have you just seen the new movie?'



Summary: Present Perfect in Real Life

Remember!

The Present Perfect links past to now for life experiences, ongoing actions, recent events, and current results. Avoid exact past times. Watch for irregular participles and signal words.

Practice:

Discuss your experiences (done, never done, just done). Use 'for', 'since', 'already', 'yet' in your sentences.