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#### **Present Perfect form**

The present perfect is formed with the auxilairy 'to have' and the past participle

Postive: We've hidden it/ She's got the present for Andy

Negative: They haven't found it/ He hasn't seen his boss today

Question: Have they forgotten it?/ Has she received the letter?

Don't forget the third person singular of 'to have' is \* has\*

In order to sound more fluent make sure to use contractions in positive & negative sentences

#### The past participle

Regular verbs: + ed - TO LISTEN, LISTENED, LISTENED

Irregular verbs: learn by heart SORRY :)

# Present Perfect Use

We use the present perfect in two ways: Describing experiences in our lives up to now and results in the present

Present Perfect vs Past Simple

### Experiences

Example: I've travalled a lot

We can use 'ever' to ask questions about life experiences

Example: Have you ever visited Africa?

We can use 'never' for negatives

sentences. It means 'not in your life'

Example: I've never seen a ghost

We can use 'before' to say if it's not the first time

Example: We've been to this restaurant before

Results

## Other uses of Present Perfect (cont)

Compare: I've drunk	I drank two
two coffees this	coffees this
morning (it's still the	morning (its now
morning)	the afternoon)
<i>Repeated actions</i>	One time actions
(They may happen	(unlikely to be
again)	repeated)
Example: I've watched a lot of Netflix this week	I watched Die Hard this week
Superlatives - often used with <i>ever</i>	This is the best football match I've ever seen

Present Perfect	Past simple	Example: My car's broken down
1. Single or repeated actions in the past when	1. Single or repeated	We can use 'just' to mean ' a short time ago
		Example: They've just arrived
we don't know the date of the action or it isn't important	actions when we know the definite time	We can use 'already' to mean 'before expected'
Example: I've driven an automatic car before	Example: I drove a race car last summer	Example: Yes, I know Sarah, we've already met
		We can use 'recently' to mean in the last few days or months
Time expressions: before, ever, already, just	Time expres-	Example: What's the cinema like now? I don't know, I haven't been there recently
and yet	yesterday, last week, in 2018 etc.	We can use 'yet' in questions and negative sentences for something that is expected to happen but hasn't happened at the time of
2. Situations that started in the past and are still continuing	2. Situations that started and finished in the past	speaking
		Example: Have you spoken to Julie yet? No, not yet
		We use 'still' in negative sentence when an
Example: Tom has	Example: Tom worked in the shop for 2 years	action is expected to happen but hasn't
worked in the shop for 2 years		Example: I gave my teacher my homework last week, but she still hasn't marked it
With- for or since	With- <i>for</i>	Other uses of Present Perfect
For -period of time	Since- starting point	Unfinished To talk about actions that time period are still continuing
Time expressions: <b>for</b> 2 months, 1 year, a long time	Time esxpre- ssions: <b>since</b> 1968, June, I	Today, thisExample: I've sent 100week, thisemails this week (it's stillmorning etc.this week)
	was 8 years old	So far = up to Example: She's made 5
completed actions in a completed actions in a completed actions in a completed action action action time p	3. One or more completed	now phone calls so far this afternoon
	actions in a time period that is finished	
Example: He's sold 15 cars this month	Example: He sold 15 cars last month	
Time expressions: this morning, this week,	Time expres- sions:	
today, so far etc.	yesterday, last	



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