

Present Perfect form

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

Positive: 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

Experiences

Example: I've travelled 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 the first time

Example: We've been to this restaurant before

Present Perfect vs Past Simple

Present Perfect

1. Single or repeated actions in the past when we don't know the date of the action or it isn't important

Example: I've driven an automatic car before

Time expressions: before, ever, already, just and yet

2. Situations that started in the past and are still continuing

Example: Tom has worked in the shop for 2 years

With- *for* or *since*

3. One or more completed actions in a time period that is continuing

Example: He's sold 15 cars this month

Time expressions: this morning, this week, today, so far etc.

Past simple

1. Single or repeated actions when we know the definite time

Example: I drove a race car last summer

Time expressions: yesterday, last week, in 2018 etc.

2. Situations that started and finished in the past

Example: Tom worked in the shop for 2 years

With- *for*

3. One or more completed actions in a time period that is finished

Example: He sold 15 cars last month

Time expressions: yesterday, last week, ago etc.

Results (cont)

We can use 'yet' in questions and negative sentences for something that is expected to happen but hasn't happened at the time of speaking

Example: Have you spoken to Julie yet? No, not yet

Still

We use Still in negative sentences when we expected something to have happened before now

Example: I gave me teacher my homework last week, but she still hasn't marked it

Other uses of Present Perfect

Unfinished time period

To talk about actions that are still continuing

Today, this week, this morning etc.

Example: I've sent 100 emails this week (it's still this week)

So far = up to now

Example: She's made 5 phone calls so far this afternoon

Compare: I've drunk two coffees this morning (it's still the morning)

I drank two coffees this morning (its now the afternoon)

Repeated actions

They may happen again

Example: I've been there many times

Example: I've watched a lot of Netflix this week

Other uses of Present Perfect

We can use the question 'how long' to ask about the duration or the starting point of an action

We answer this question with either *for* or *since*

FOR

SINCE

Period of time- 2 minutes, 5 weeks, 1 year etc.

Starting point- 1995, 1st July, when I was 10

Example: I've worked here for 5 years

Example: I've worked here since 2015

We often use present perfect + ever with superlatives

the worst, the most expensive etc.

Example: This is the best film I've ever seen!

Results

Example: My car's broken down

We can use 'just' to mean 'a short time ago'

Example: They've just arrived

We can use 'already' to mean 'before expected'

Example: Yes, I know Sarah, we've already met

We can use 'recently' to mean 'in the last few days or months'

Example: What's the cinema like now? I don't know, I haven't been there recently



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