

## Unit 6

### Grammar

#### The present perfect simple

We use this tense when we want to talk about unfinished actions or states or habits that started in the past and continue to the present. Usually we use it to say 'how long' and we need 'since' or 'for'. We often use stative verbs.

To make the **positive** present perfect

- I've **known** Karen since 1994.
- She's **lived** in London for three years.
- I've **worked** here for six months.

Present perfect tense, use:

- **'have' / 'has' + the past participle**
- Make the past participle by adding **'ed' to regular verbs** (for example, 'play' becomes 'played')
- There are a few verbs that change their spelling when you add 'ed' (for example, 'study' becomes 'studied')
- We also have some completely **irregular verbs**

**Key words:**

We often use the following words with the present perfect tense.

already ever for just since yet

Which other word is often used with the present perfect tense in questions? **ever**

Have you **ever** travelled on a motorbike?

Has he **ever** invited you out for lunch?

We put **ever** between the subject and the main verb.

(Also, here's some help if you are not sure [how to pronounce '-ed'](#) at the end of a verb).

Positive	Positive Short Form
I have played	I've played
you have worked	you've worked
he has written	he's written
she has walked	she's walked
it has rained	it's rained
we have travelled	we've travelled

they have studied

they've studied

## EXAMPLES

**I have made** my bed all these days

She **has lived** in Paris since 2009

Present perfect **has been** very easy to understand

You **have just taken** a shower

We **have already finished** our homework

The **negative** is really simple too. Just put '**not**' after 'have' or 'has':

Negative	Negative Short Form
I <b>have not eaten</b> breakfast today	I <b>haven't eaten</b>
you <b>have not been</b> to Asia	you <b>haven't been</b>
he <b>has not seen</b> the new film	he <b>hasn't seen</b>
she <b>has not played</b> tennis	she <b>hasn't played</b>
it <b>has not snowed</b> this winter	it <b>hasn't snowed</b>
we <b>have not slept</b> all night	we <b>haven't slept</b>
they <b>have not tried</b> the food	they <b>haven't tried</b>

## The present perfect

made easy

• Subject + to have + participle

• I/you/we/they + have not (haven't) + finished  
• He/she/it + has not (hasn't) + finished

To make a **question**, put 'have' or 'has' in front of the subject:

### 'Yes / No' Questions

**have** I **missed** the bus?

**have** you **visited** London?

**has** he **worked** as a waiter before?

**has** she **met** John?

**has** it **been** cold this week?

**have** we **arrived** too early?

**have** they **studied** English grammar before?

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## Questions in the Present Perfect Tense

„Have/has“ + subject + 3rd form + object ?



*Has she ever ridden the horse?*

*Have you ever tried to change your hairstyle?*