

present perfect and past simple

present perfect simple: *have / has + past participle (worked, seen, etc.)*

1 past experiences

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I've **been** to London, but I **haven't been** to Oxford.**Have** you ever **lost** your credit card?Sally **has** never **met** Bill's ex-wife.

2 recent past actions

I've **cut** my finger!Too late! Our train **has** just **left**!3 with *yet* and *already* (for emphasis)I've **already seen** this film twice. Can't we watch another one?My brother **hasn't found** a new job yet. He's still looking.**Have** you **finished** your homework yet? No, not yet.

- 1 We use the present perfect for past experiences, when we don't say exactly when they happened.

- We often use *ever* and *never* when we ask or talk about past experiences. They go before the main verb.

- 2 We use the present perfect for recent past actions, often with *just*.

- *just* goes before the main verb.

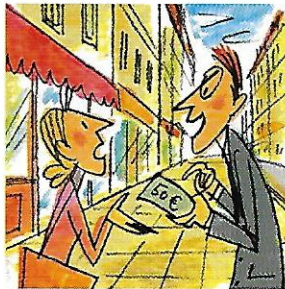
- 3 We also use the present perfect with *yet* and *already*.

- *already* is used in $\boxed{+}$ sentences and goes before the main verb.
- *yet* is used with $\boxed{-}$ sentences and $\boxed{?}$. It goes at the end of the phrase.
- For irregular past participles see **Irregular verbs** p.165.

- a Complete the mini dialogues with the present perfect form of the verb in brackets and an adverb from the list. You can use the adverbs more than once.

already ever just never yet

A Why are you smiling?

B I've just found a €50 note! (find)

1 A _____ you _____ a flight online? (book)

B Yes, of course. I've done it loads of times.

2 A When are you going to buy a motorbike?

B Soon. I _____ nearly €1,000. (save)

3 A _____ you _____ the electricity bill _____? (pay)

B No, sorry. I forgot.

4 A _____ your parents _____ you money? (lend)

B Yes, but I paid it back as soon as I could.

5 A How does eBay work?

B I don't know. I _____ it. (use)

6 A What are you celebrating?

B We _____ a prize in the lottery! (win)

7 A Why haven't you got any money?

B I _____ my salary. I bought a new tablet last week. (spend)

8 A Would you like a coffee?

B No, thanks. I _____ one. (have)

past simple (*worked, stopped, went, had, etc.*)They **got** married last year.

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What time **did** you **wake up** this morning?I **didn't have** time to do my homework.

- Use the past simple for finished past actions (when we say, ask, or know when they happened).

present perfect or past simple?

I've **been** to Madrid twice.

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(= in my life up to now)

I **went** there in 1998 and 2002.

(= on two specific occasions)

I've **bought** a new computer.

(= I don't say exactly when, where, etc.)

I **bought** it last Saturday. (= I say when)

- Use the present perfect (NOT the past simple) to talk about past experiences and recent past actions **when we don't specify a time**.
- Use the past simple (NOT the present perfect) to ask or talk about finished actions in the past, **when the time is mentioned or understood**. We often use a past time expression, e.g. *yesterday, last week, etc.*

- b Right or wrong? Tick ✓ or cross ✗ the sentences. Correct the wrong sentences.

I've never been in debt. ✓

How much has your new camera cost? ✗

How much did your new camera cost?

- Dean has just inherited €5,000 from a relative.
- Did your sister pay you back yet?
- We booked our holiday online a month ago.
- When have you bought that leather jacket?
- They've finished paying back the loan last month.
- We haven't paid the gas bill yet.
- Have you ever wasted a lot of money on something?
- I'm sure I haven't borrowed any money from you last week.
- I spent my salary really quickly last month.
- Have you seen the Batman film on TV yesterday?