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PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

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A bridge between the past and the present



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PRESENT PERFECT (SIMPLE)



construction

has/have + past participle (ed/3rd column)

2 uses

a FINISHED ACTION in UNFINISHED TIME

An UNFINISHED ACTION IN UNFINISHED TIME

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

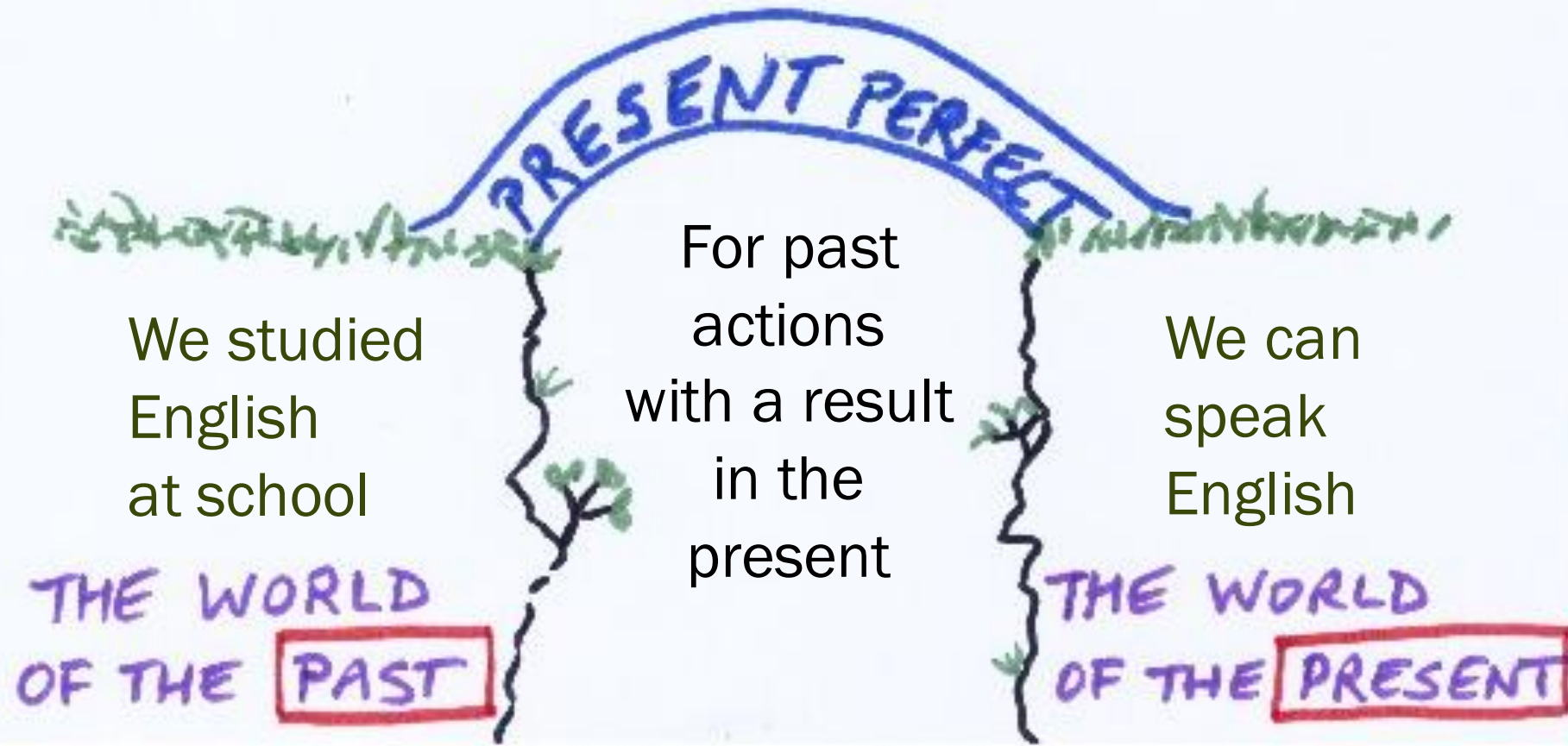
first use: **finished** action – **unfinished** time

examples of unfinished time:

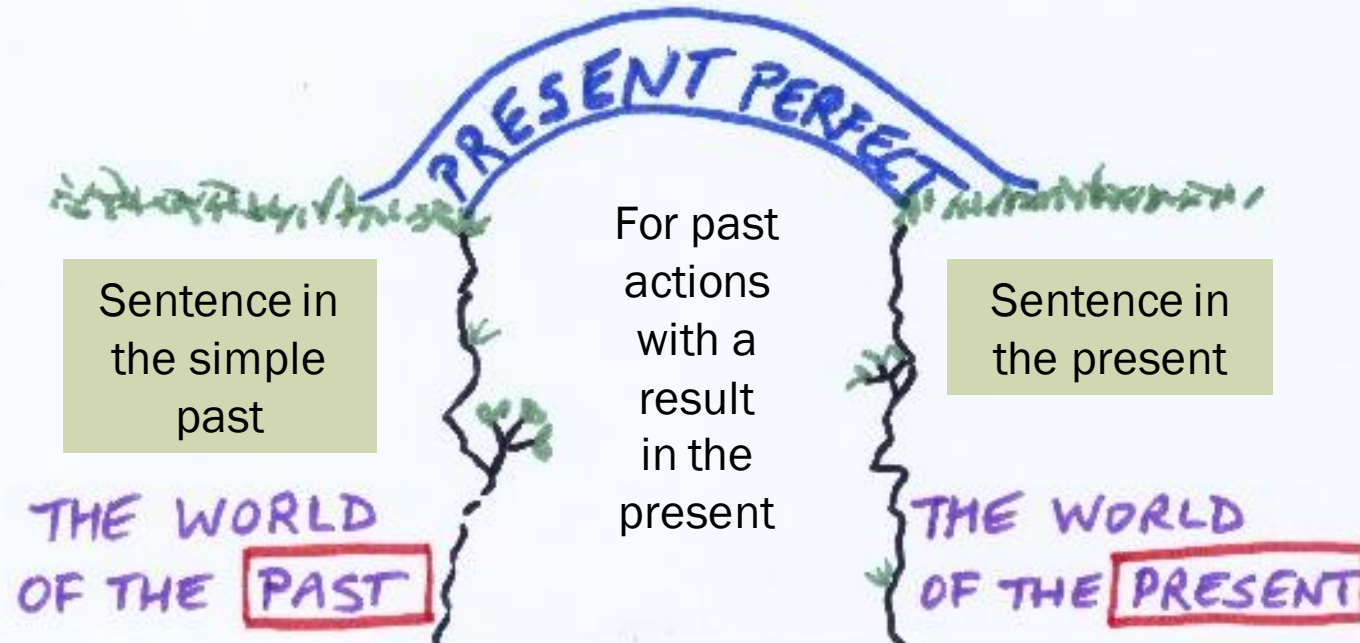
- ❑ *NO time expression – for past experience OR action with present result*
- ❑ *adverbs of indefinite time (ever, never, already, yet, just, before, often etc)*
- ❑ *expressions of specific unfinished time (this week, this month, this year)*
- ❑ *expressions of time up to the present (so far, recently, lately, the last few days)*



We have studied English



Sentence in the present perfect



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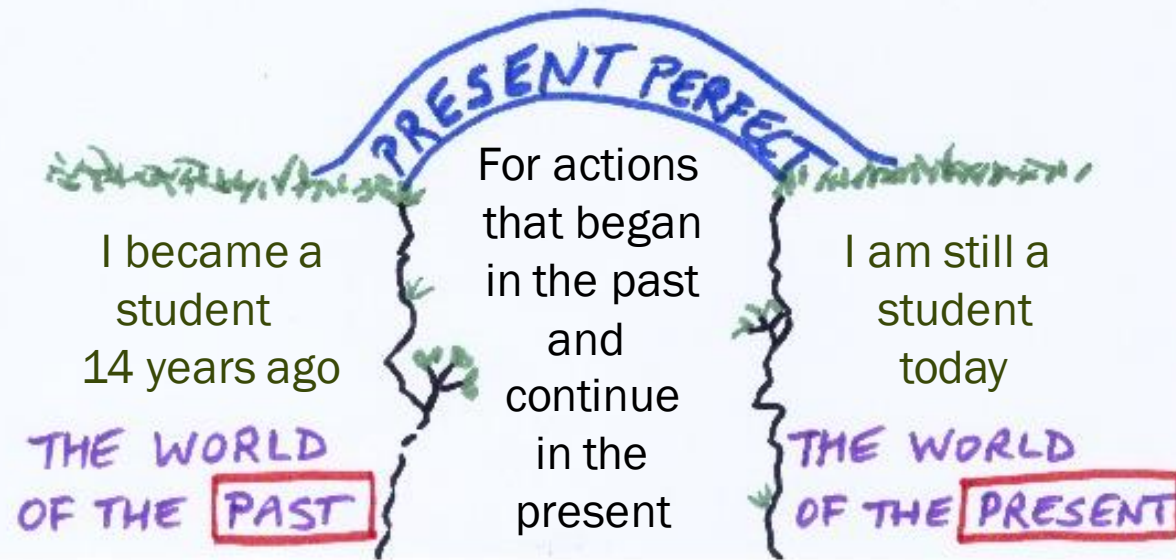
second use : duration form (non-action verbs)

- *an action which began in the past and continues in the present*
- *time is expressed with*
 - *Since*
 - *For*

DURATION FORM

I have been a student

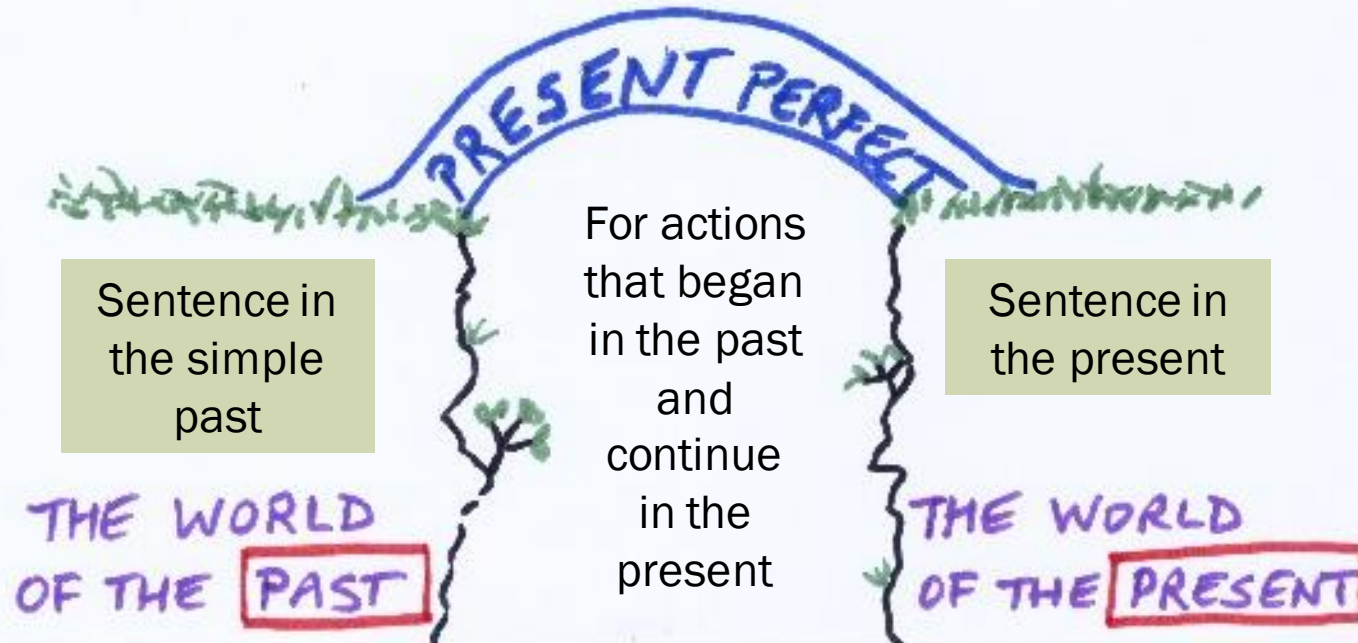
for 14 years
since 2008





Don't be afraid to
ASK QUESTIONS
It can help others understand too

Sentence in the present perfect



PAST SIMPLE

- 1) It is used with **FINISHED** actions in an expressed/implicit **FINISHED** time.
 - *She went home on Sunday.*
 - *My father was a good student at school.*
- 2) It is used in past sentences with “**when**”
 - *When did you find your job?*
- 3) It is used to **complete a dialogue** begun in the present perfect, if the topic of conversation remains the same.
 - ***Have you seen** “Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness”?*
 - *Yes, I have.*
 - *What **did you think** of it?*
 - *I thought it was good.*
 - ***Have you seen** the film “Top Gun: Maverick”? (the topic of conversation has changed from one film to another and so we start with the present perfect again)*



EXERCISE

Present perfect simple or past simple

1 I (go) _____ to see that film years ago.

2 This room is filthy (= very dirty)! Nobody (clean) _____ it for ages
(=a long time)

3 I play the piano. I (to have) _____ one since 1983.

4 We (meet) _____ each other when we were at school.

5 (you/ever/read) _____ "This is going to hurt"?

6 I (buy) _____ two mobile phones this year.

7 She (study) _____ anatomy for two hours last night.

8 What (you do) _____ to this room? It looks completely different.

9 "I (see) _____ the Prime Minister."

"Oh, when (you see) _____ her?"

10 He (live) _____ in London for two years and then he (go)
_____ to Edinburgh.