

Grundlagen Englisch

- *present perfect simple & continuous*
 - Time expressions 2
 - present perfect vs. past

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The present perfect (U1&2)

Example 1:

- Yesterday I lost my key.
- I don't have a key now.
- I have lost my key.

Example 2:

- He went out five minutes ago.
- He is not here now.
- He has gone out.

The present perfect

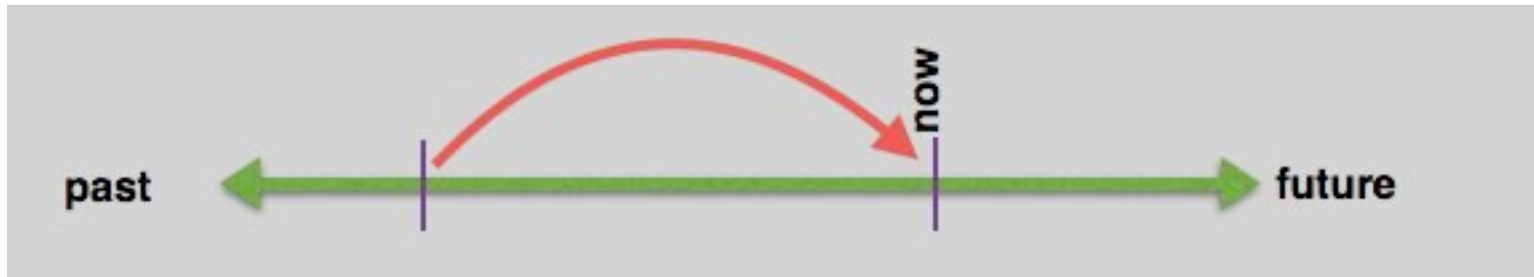
Example 3:

- I saw a good film last night.
- I still have to think about it.
- I have seen a good film (recently).

Example 4:

- She told me her name.
- I can't remember it now.
- I have forgotten her name.

The present perfect



I/we/they/you have (= I've etc.)	- finished, lost, cut, etc. - walked, talked, etc.
He/she/it has (= he's etc.)	

□ person + have/has + past participle

The present perfect

- **Your turn:**
 - Grammar Book Unit 6, p21, ex. 6.1-6.3
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The present perfect

- **just** = a short time ago
- > 'Are you hungry?' – 'No, I've **just eaten.**'
- > Hello. **Have you just arrived?**
- > 'Is Paul here?' – 'No, he's **just gone out.**'

The present perfect

- **already** = sooner than expected
- > I've **already paid** all the bills.
- > 'When is Paul leaving?' – 'He's **already left.**'
- > We've **already done** our homework.

The present perfect

- **Yet** = until now
- > **Has it stopped raining yet?**
- > **I haven't sent the letter yet.**
- > **'Is Paul back?' – 'No, he hasn't returned, yet.'**

The present perfect

- **Have you ever...? – Yes, I have. / No, I've never...**
- > **Has Ann ever been to Australia? – Yes, once.**
- > **Have you ever played golf? – Yes, I play a lot.**
- > **I have never ridden a bike in my life. (1st time)**

The present perfect

- How long have you ... ?

> Dan and Kate **are** married. They **have been** married **for five years**. (for = period of time)

□ I **know** Lisa. I've **known** her **since 2003**.
(since = starting point)

The present perfect

- **ago** = before now

> When **did** you last **see** him? – Oh, I **saw** him **three days ago**.

□ **ago** = reference to the past □ **past simple!!**

The present perfect

- **Present perfect continuous (1)**

- Timothy **is learning** German.

How long has he been learning German?

He's been learning German **for two years.**

Timothy **is still learning** German.

The present perfect

- **Present perfect continuous (2)**

- **It is raining.**

How long has it been raining?

It's been raining all day.

- It is still raining.**

The present perfect

- **Your turn:**
 - Grammar Book Unit 7, p23
 - Grammar Book Unit 9, p27

Present perfect or past?

- Situation 1:

Tom is looking for his key.

He **has lost** it.

He doesn't have his key now.

- Situation 2 (10' later):

Now Tom **has found** his key. He has it now.

Tom **lost** his key (15 minutes ago). *past simple*

He **has found** his key. *present perfect*

Present perfect or past? (2)

- **Past simple:**

Use the past simple to talk about the past.

Use the past simple for things that are not recent or new.

Mozart **was** a composer. He **wrote** pieces of music.

- **Present perfect:**

Use the present perfect to talk about a result now.

Use the present perfect for things that are recent or new.

Paul **has repaired** the washing machine. It's working OK now.

Present perfect or past? (3)

- **Past simple:**

Use the past simple to talk about the past.

Use the past simple for things that are connected to a **clear time reference**.

We **went** to the cinema yesterday.

- **Present perfect:**

Use the present perfect to talk about a result now.

Use the present perfect for things that don't have a clear time reference.

Have you seen Tim recently.

Present perfect or past? (3)

- **Past simple:**

clear time references: ago, when (?), yesterday, last week, on Sunday, 2 March 2003, in the 7th century, etc.

- **Present perfect:**

undefinite time references: recently, yet, already, never, ever, this week, this morning, today, etc.

The present perfect

- **Your turn:**
 - Grammar Book Unit 8, p25
 - Grammar Book Unit 20, p49
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