

# Present perfect



# What do you need the Present Perfect for ?

- to tell what you have done recently/ lately.
- to tell what you have just or already done.
- to tell what you have never/ ever done.
- to tell what you have done so far/ up to now.
- to tell what you have done today/ this week/ this month/ this year.

# How can you form the Present Perfect?

Positive sentence	<i>I, you, we, they,</i> <i>he, she, it,</i>	<i>have done</i> <i>has worked</i>
Negative sentence	<i>I, you, we, they,</i> <i>he, she, it,</i>	<i>haven't done</i> <i>hasn't worked</i>
Question	<i>Have I, you, we, they,</i> <i>Has he, she, it</i>	<i>done?</i> <i>worked?</i>

# Just ,yet,already,ever,never

- **Just** often emphasises the idea of close to the present
  - *I've **JUST** spoken to Jane. She's not going to join us for supper tonight.*

# Just ,yet,already,ever,never

- ALREADY (aff, int)
- **Already** suggests that something has happened sooner than expected and again is linked with present time and therefore the present perfect:
  - *Do you want me to make the salad for supper tonight?  
~ I've already made it. It's on the table.*





# Just ,yet,already,ever,never

□ YET. (NEG. INT)

□ *I don't think you've met Rachel yet, have you? ~*

□ *No, I haven't. I've met a lot of your friends from work, but I've not met Rachel yet.*

□ *~ She's absolutely lovely. I'm sure you'll like her*

# Just ,yet,already,ever,never

□ NEVER, EVER

□ *Have you ever driven a car with manual drive?*

□ *~ No, I never have. I've always driven cars with automatic drive.*

# OTHER EXPRESSIONS

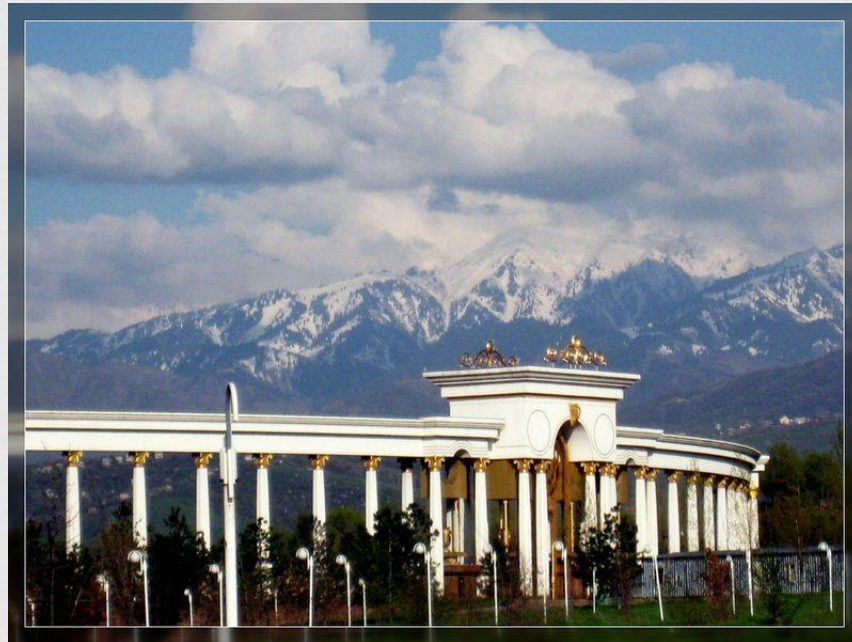


- FOR
- SINCE
- SO FAR
- RECENTLY
- TODAY
- THIS MONTH



I have lived in my  
hometown for 30 years.

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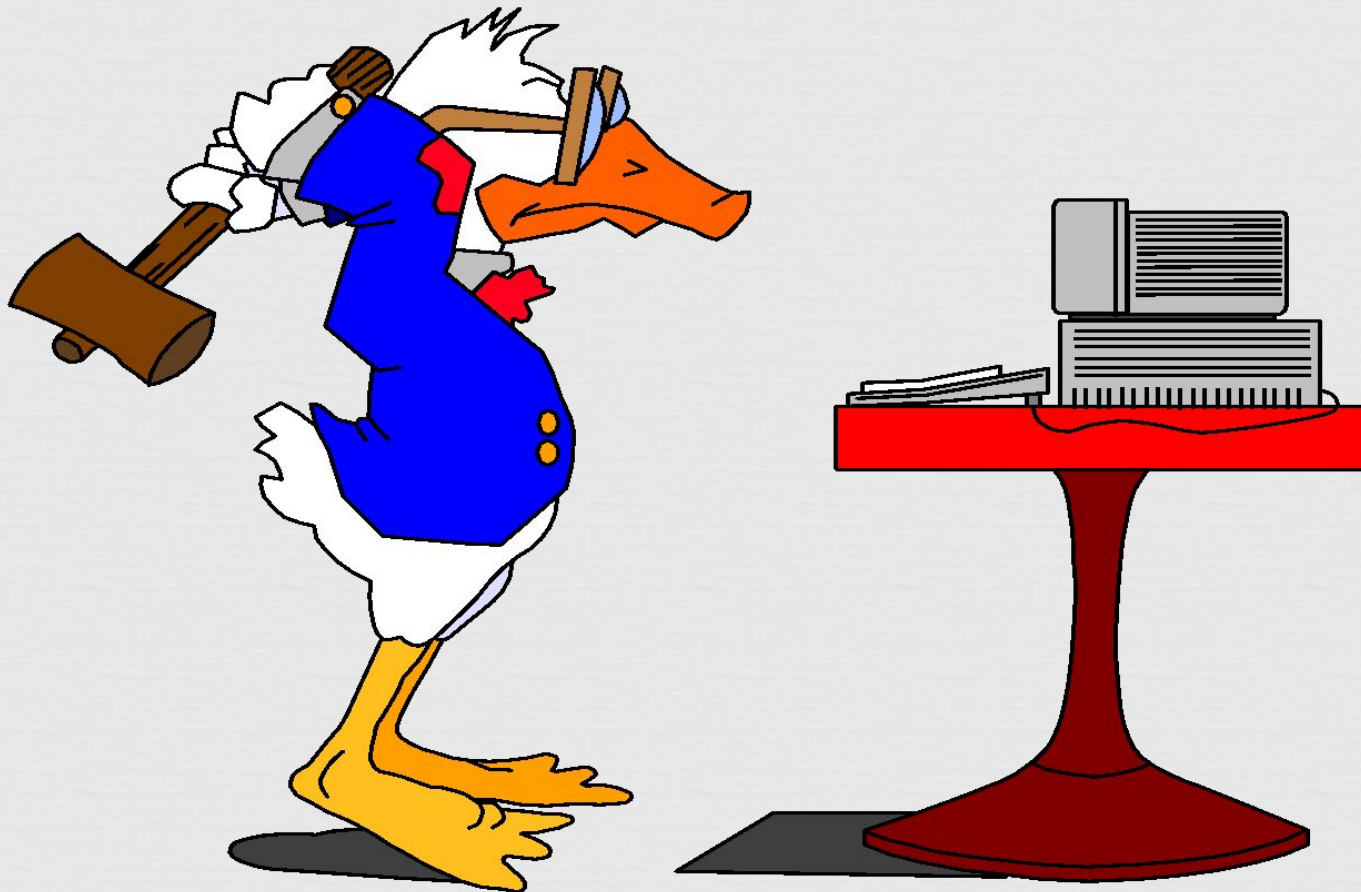


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***Have you ever been to  
France?***



# Why don't you try some exercises?



# Choose the correct answer.

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☐ Peter .....never watched „Maja bee“.

☐ A) had

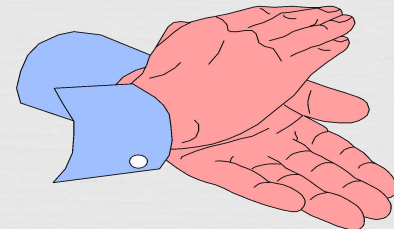
☐ B) have

☐ C) has

☐ D) none of these

☐ Peter ..... has never watched „Maja Bee“.

☐ *Congratulations!*



# Try the next question.



- ☐ ....you ever smoked?
- ☐ A) has
- ☐ B) do
- ☐ C) have
- ☐ D) none of these



- ☐ Have you ever smoked?

☐ *Good!*



# Choose the correct answer again.

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☐ She hasn't .....the dinner already.

☐ A) cooks

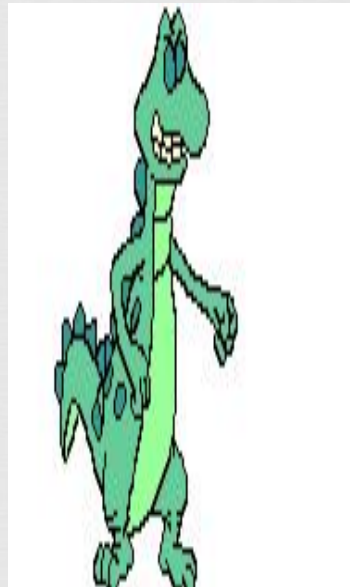
☐ B) cooked

☐ C) make

☐ D) none of these

☐ She hasn't cooked the dinner already

☐ *Very well!*





# Choose the correct answer.



- ☐ .....you **ever** .....  
your head ?
- ☐ A) have.....lost
- ☐ B) do.....lose
- ☐ C) did.....lose
- ☐ D) none of these

☐ **Have** you ever **lost**  
your head ?

☐ *Right again!*

# Choose the best answer



☐ Tom and Arthur  
.....a dog so  
far.

- ☐ A) don't buy
- ☐ B) hasn't bought
- ☐ C) haven't bought
- ☐ D) didn't buy

☐ Tom and Arthur  
haven't bought a dog  
so far.

☐ *Excellent!*

# Present perfect continuous

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# PRESENT CONTINUOUS/PROGRESSIVE

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- We use the **present perfect continuous**, however, there is usually a suggestion that the activity is not yet completed
- My brother has been painting my house



# FORM

{has/have + been + present participle}

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- Examples:
- You **have been waiting** here for two hours.
- **Have you been waiting** here for two hours?
- You **have not been waiting** here for two hours.



# USE 1 Duration from the Past Until Now

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- We use the Present Perfect Continuous to show that something started in the past and has continued up until now. "For five minutes," "for two weeks," and "since Tuesday" are all durations which can be used with the Present Perfect Continuous.



# Examples:



- They **have been talking** for the last hour.
- She **has been working** at that company for three years.
- What **have you been doing** for the last 30 minutes?
- James **has been teaching** at the university since June.
- We **have been waiting** here for over two hours!
- Why **has Nancy not been taking** her medicine for the last three days?

# USE 2 Recently, Lately

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- You can also use the Present Perfect Continuous WITHOUT a duration such as "for two weeks." Without the duration, the tense has a more general meaning of "lately." We often use the words "lately" or "recently" to emphasize this meaning.

# Examples

- Recently, I **have been feeling** really tired.
- She **has been watching** too much television lately.
- **Have you been exercising** lately?
- Mary **has been feeling** a little depressed.
- Lisa **has not been practicing** her English.
- What **have you been doing**?

# REMEMBER Non-Continuous Verbs/ Mixed Verbs



- It is important to remember that Non-Continuous Verbs cannot be used in any continuous tenses. Also, certain non-continuous meanings for Mixed Verbs cannot be used in continuous tenses. Instead of using Present Perfect Continuous with these verbs, you must use Present Perfect.



- Examples:
- Sam **has been having** his car for two years. *Not Correct*
- Sam **has had** his car for two years. *Correct*

# PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

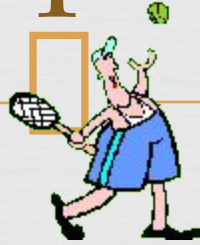
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- My hands are dirty. i´ve been repairing the car for 3 days
- Look at you!!!. You´re sweating.How long have you been dancing?





# Time expressions



## □ FOR./SINCE

□ They've been playing tennis since 2 o'clock

## □ HOW LONG.....?

□ How long have you been reading books?

## □ OTHERS

□ Mary is still writing letters. she's been writing letters all day



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