

# *Self-Access Learning*

**Topic :**

**Present Perfect Tense**

**Level : P.6**



*Revision :*

# Present Perfect Tense

Part(1)



# Present perfect tense

We form the present perfect tense with **have / has + past participle**.

I You We They	<b>have</b>	<b>eaten</b>	an apple.
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He She It John	<b>has</b>	<b>eaten</b>	an apple.
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# Present perfect tense

## Irregular verbs

Present	Past	Present perfect
do	did	have / has done
be	was/were	have / has been
write	wrote	have / has written
eat	ate	have / has eaten
draw	drew	have / has drawn
break	broke	have / has broken
speak	spoke	have / has spoken

# Present perfect tense

## Irregular verbs

Present	Past	Present perfect
take	took	have / has taken
ride	rode	have / has ridden
drink	drank	have / has drunk
swim	swam	have / has swum
throw	threw	have / has thrown
see	saw	have / has seen
go	went	have / has gone

# Present perfect tense

## Irregular verbs

Present	Past	Present perfect
sweep	swept	have / has swept
make	made	have / has made
get	got	have / has got

# Present perfect tense

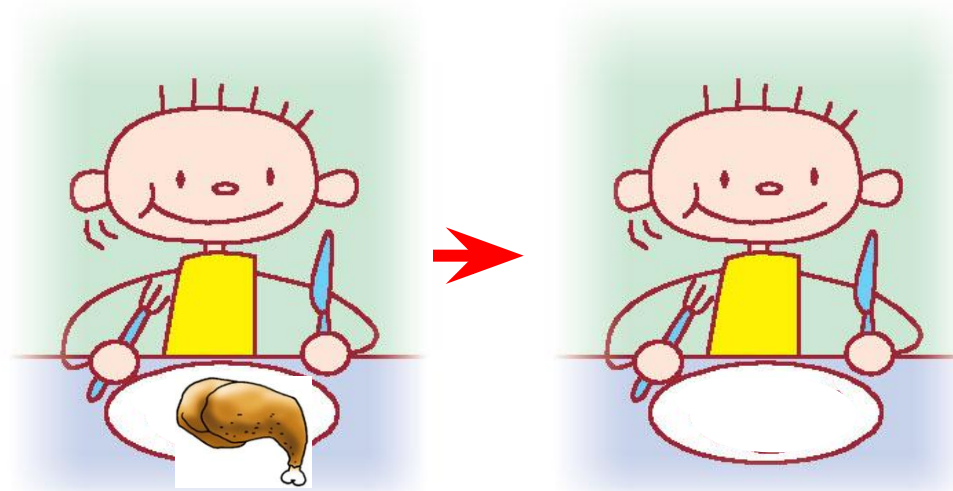
## Regular verbs

Present	Past	Present perfect
paint	painted	have / has painted
move	moved	have / has moved
tidy	tidied	have / has tidied

# Example (1)

We use the **Present Perfect tense** to show the result of an action.

e.g. (a) Ben is eating a chicken leg.



(b) Ben **has eaten** a chicken leg.



## Example (2)

We cannot use the Present Perfect tense with adverbs of time,  
e.g. yesterday, two weeks ago.



- I **have done** my homework ~~yesterday~~.
- I **did** my homework yesterday.

# Practice (1)

Present	Past	Present perfect
e.g. make	made	have / has made
1 do	did	have / has done
2 tidy	tidied	have / has tidied
3 eat	ate	have / has eaten
4 draw	drew	have / has drawn
5 take	took	have / has taken
6 paint	painted	have / has painted
7 write	wrote	have / has written

# Practice (2)

Present	Past	Present perfect
8 ride	rode	have / has ridden
9 swim	swam	have / has swum
10 sweep	swept	have / has swept
11 move	moved	have / has moved
12 see	saw	have / has seen
13 speak	spoke	have / has spoken
14 cook	cooked	have / has cooked
15 break	broke	have / has broken

# Already / yet

In the Present Perfect tense, we use **yet** with **questions** or **negative (no) sentences**.

Have you **eaten** the apples **yet**? (question)

'Yet' goes at the END of the sentence or question.



**No**, I haven't **eaten** the apples **yet**. (negative)

# Already / yet

In the Present Perfect tense, we use **already** with **positive (yes) sentences**.

Have you **eaten** the apples **yet**? (question)  
**Yes**, I've **already** **eaten** the apples. (positive)

'Already' goes in the MIDDLE or at the END of the sentence.

or **Yes**, I've **eaten** the apples **already**. (positive)

# once / twice

In the Present Perfect tense, we use **once** / **twice** to **express frequency**.

How many time have you **given** flowers to the pop star ? (question)

I've **given** flowers to a pop star **once only**.

'once' goes at the END of the sentence.

or I've **given** flowers to a pop star **only once**.

# ever / never

In the Present Perfect tense, we use **ever** (question) and **never** (answer) to **express frequency**.

Have you **ever celebrated** the Cheung Chau Bun Festival ? (question)

No, I've **never celebrated** the Cheung Chau Bun Festival. (answer)

# Already / yet

e.g.

do



Has Mary done her homework yet ?

Yes, she has done her homework already .

or

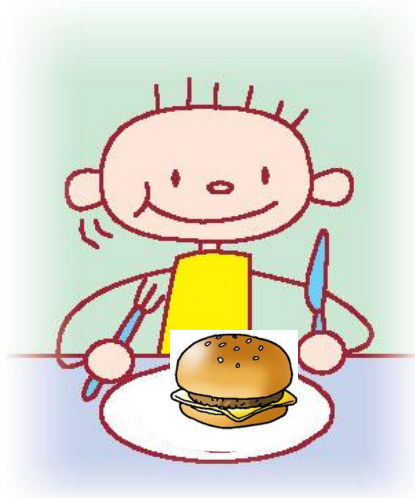
Yes, she has already done her homework.



# Already / yet

e.g.

eat



Has Ben eaten his hamburger yet ?

No, he hasn't / has not eaten his hamburger  
yet .

# Practice

1 (do)

Has Mum done the washing  
yet ?

Yes, she has already done the washing.

2 (sweep)

Have Sally and Joe swept the  
floor yet ?

No, they haven't swept the floor  
yet .

# Practice

3 (throw)

Have you thrown away the rubbish  
yet ?

Yes, I 've / have thrown away the rubbish  
already .

4 (write)

Has Mark written the letter  
yet ?

No, he hasn't written the letter yet .

# Practice

5 (visit)

How many times have you visited Hong Kong Disneyland ?

I have visited there twice.

6 (watch)

Have you ever watched birds in Mai Po Wetlands ?

No, I have never watched birds in Mai Po Wetlands.

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# Present Perfect Tense

Part(2)



# Present perfect tense

We use the present perfect tense to talk about actions that **started in the past and continue to the present.**

e.g. I've **grown** flowers for two years.

Now is  
2005.



2003-n  
ow

# Present perfect tense

We use the present perfect tense with **since** and **for** to say how long an action has lasted.

I **have** **played** the piano **since** 2000.

I **have** **played** the piano **for** five years.

# Present perfect tense

## Since

We use **since** with the present perfect tense to refer to **the starting point** of an action.

I **have studied** at this school **since 2000**.



*(2000 is a point of time, not a period of time.)*

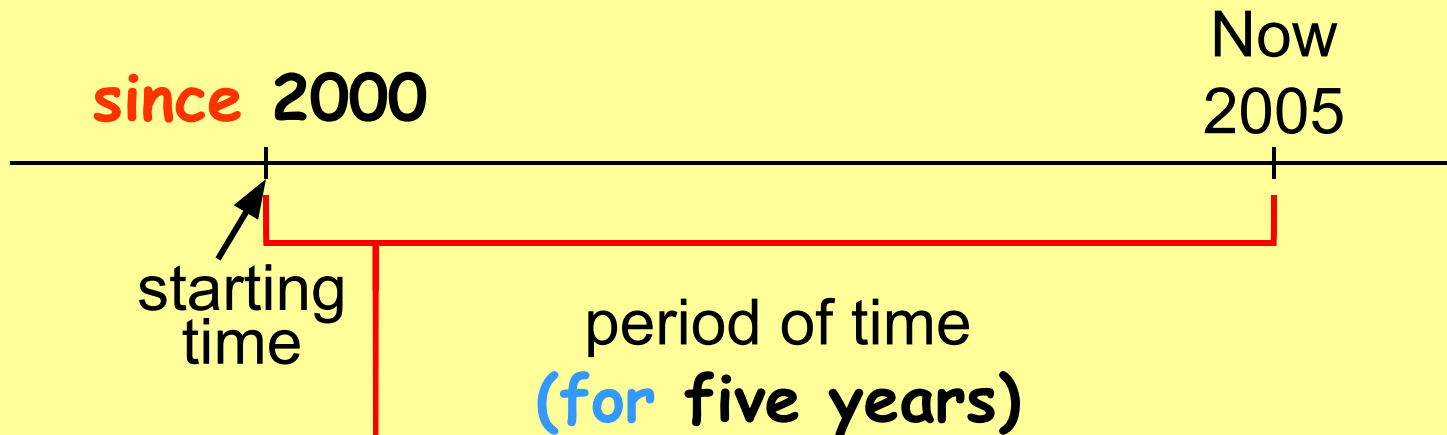


# Present perfect tense

## For

We use **for** with the present perfect tense to refer to **a period of time**.

I **have studied** at this school **for five years**.



*( 'Five years' is a period of time, not a point of time.)*

# Practice (1)

Use **since** or **for**.

- 1 I have had piano lessons for ten years.
- 2 Peter has collected stamps since 2003.
- 3 Amy has grown flowers since last month.
- 4 My brother has played football for two years.
- 5 John and Jenny have been friends for eight months.
- 6 They have done ballet since 2000.
- 7 My father has driven his car since 1996.

# How long ...?

How long	have	you	done ballet? collected stickers? learnt the piano?
	has	he she	

I	have	done ballet collected stickers learnt the piano	sinc e	2001.
He She	has		for	one year.

How long have these children done their hobbies?



paint pictures, 2003

A: **How long** have you **Painted** pictures?

B: I **have painted** pictures **since** 2003.



grow flowers, six months

A: **How long** have you **grown** flowers?

B: I **have grown** flowers **for** six months.



make handicrafts, March

A: **How long** have you **made** handicrafts?

B: I **have made** handicrafts **since** March.



play the violin, five years

A: **How long** have you **played** the violin?

B: I **have played** the violin **for** five years.



Kate  
do karate, last month

A: How long ~~has Kate done karate~~ ?

B: She ~~has done karate since last month~~

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James  
collect coins, two years

A: How long ~~has James collected coins~~ ?

B: He ~~has collected coins for two years~~

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Shirley  
collect seashells, last summer

A: How long ~~has Shirley collected seashells~~?

B: She ~~has collected seashells since last summer~~

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# Past tense & Present perfect tense

## Past Tense

- ◇ actions that happened in the past

e.g. I **sang yesterday**.

## Present Perfect Tense

- ◇ actions that started in the past and continue to the present

e.g. I've **sung for two hours**.

- ◇ actions that have just finished

e.g. I've **just sung** a famous song.

# Past tense & Present perfect tense

## Past Tense

- ◇ We know the specific point of time of the action.

e.g. I **drew** a picture **last night**.

## Present Perfect Tense

- ◇ We do not know the time of the action.

e.g. I've **drawn** a picture **already**.

# Past tense & Present perfect tense

## Past Tense

◇ verb - 1 word

e.g. I **started** playing the violin in 2000.

◇ Hint words:

**yesterday,**  
**last night,**  
**last Sunday,**  
**last year, ago,**  
**in 2000**

## Present Perfect Tense

◇ verb - 2 words

e.g. I've **played** the violin since 2000.

◇ Hint words:

**since, for, already, just,**  
**yet, ever**

# Practice (2)

e.g. I made a dress two weeks ago. (make)

1 I have lived in Hong Kong since 1990.  
(live)

2 My parents bought our house in 2000. (buy)

3 Miss Lee has taught at my school  
for two years. (teach)

4 Tom visited his uncle one month ago. (visit)

5 Polly and Dolly have been friends  
since last year. (be)

6 The baby has slept for four hours. (sleep)

Hi boys and girls,

Please read Chapter 1,2 (Book 5B) & Chapter 2 (Book 6A) :

1. Practise the usage of present perfect tense.

