

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	have	eaten	an apple.
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He She It John	has	eaten	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

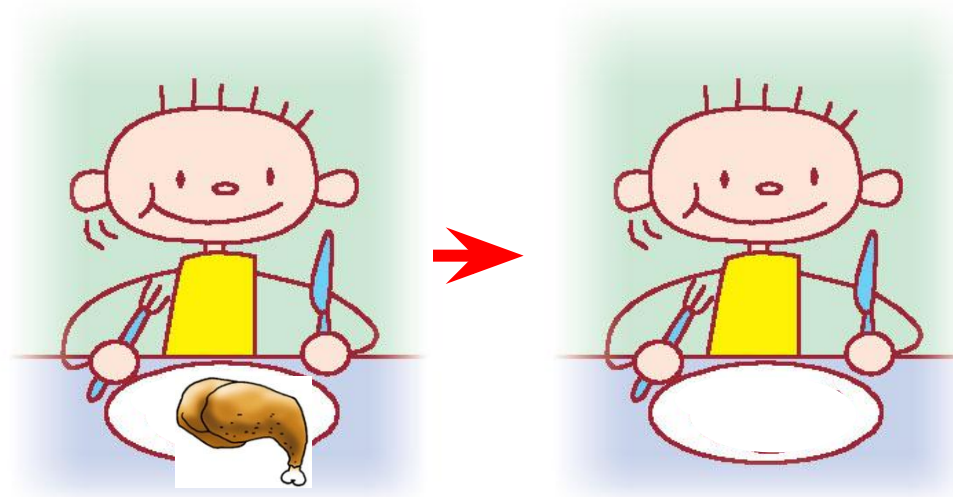
Regular verbs

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.

Two arrows originate from the text box. One arrow points to the word 'yet' in the question 'Have you eaten the apples yet?'. The other arrow points to the word 'yet' in the negative sentence 'No, I haven't eaten the apples yet.'

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.

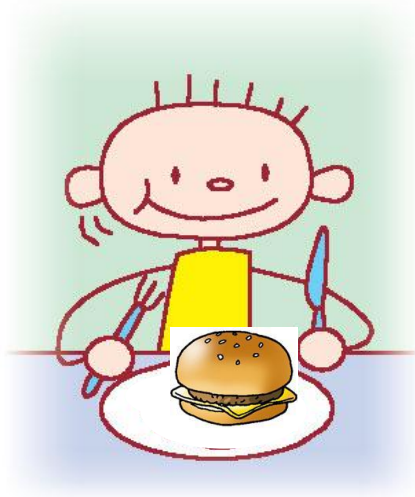
or

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.

Revision :
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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.

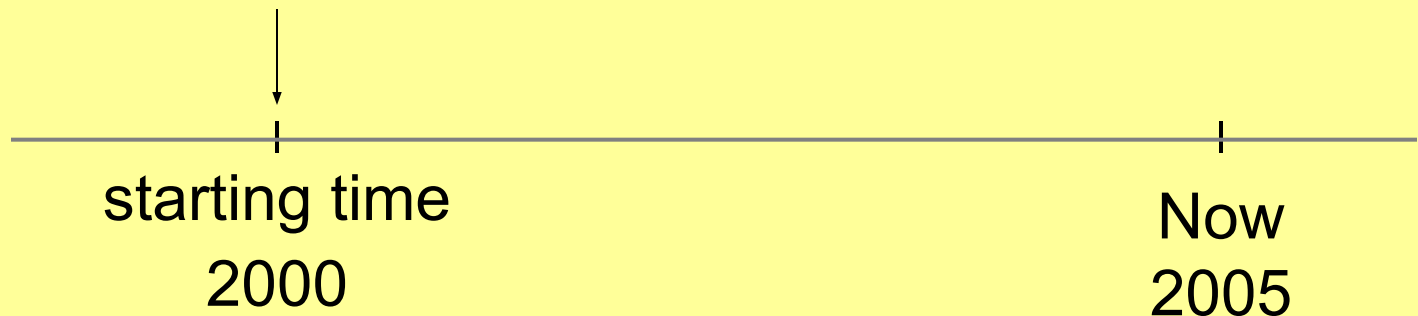
I **have** **played** the piano **for** five years.

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**.



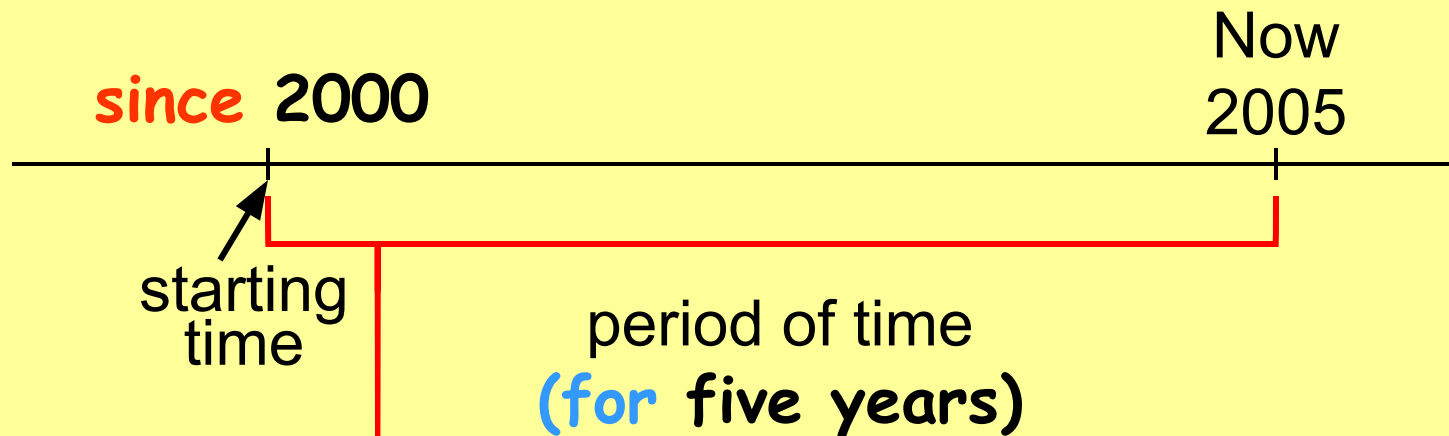
(2000 is a point of time, not a period of time.)

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 **painting** pictures?

B: I **have painting** 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~~



James
collect coins, two years

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

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



Shirley
collect seashells, last summer

A: How long has Shirley collected seashells?

B: She has collected seashells since last summer

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.

