

*PRESENT PERFECT
TENSE*

Use

- The present perfect tense is used to express an action or state which began in the past and continues to the present.

The time expressions such as **For** + a period of time and **Since** + beginning time usually appear in these sentences to give the past to present meaning.

- I have worked at IBM for five years
- She has known him since first grade

Form

- We form the present perfect with *subject + have/has + verb + the past participle*

(The past participle of regular verbs ends in *-ed*.)

There are many common irregular verbs.)

Positive and negative

I
We
You
They

have ('ve)
haven't

She
He
It

has ('s)
hasn't

worked in
a factory

Question

Have

I
we
you
they

Has

he
she
it

been to the
United
States?

Short answers

- Have you been to Egypt?
Yes, I have / No, I haven't
- Has she ever written poetry?
Yes, she has / No, she hasn't

Note:

We cannot use *I've, they've, he's*
etc. in short answers

Present perfect and past simple

- Look for the use of the present perfect and the Past Simple in the following sentences.
 - *I've lived* in Rome for three years
(I still do.)
 - *I lived* in London for a year
(now I live somewhere else, not in London.)
 - *Sally's written* several books
(she is still alive)
 - *Shakespeare wrote* many plays
(He is dead)

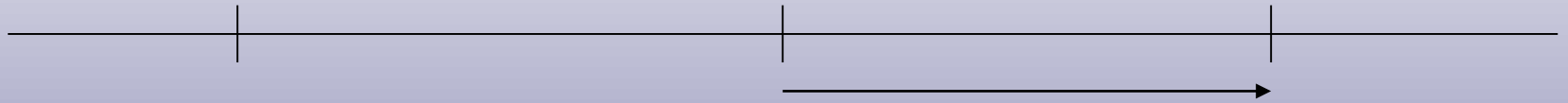
Past

(current year minus 10)

Now

(Current year minus 3)

(current year)



London

Rome

Irregular verbs

<i>Base form</i>	<i>Past Simple</i>	<i>Past Participle</i>
Be	Was / were	Been
Become	Became	Become
Begin	Began	Begun
Break	Broke	Broken
Build	Built	Built
Do	Did	Done
Get	Got	Gotten
Go	Went	Gone
Grow	grew	grown

Already and Yet

- We use *already* and *yet* with the present perfect tense. Both means “before now”.
- *Already* is used in affirmative sentences and goes before the past participle.
 - They have already eaten breakfast
 - I’ve already finished my homework
- We use *yet* in questions and negatives. It goes at the end of a sentence.
 - I haven’t cleaned my room yet
 - Have you been to the supermarket yet?

Just

- We use *just* with the past simple or the present perfect to express the idea that something happened close to the present time.
 - I just bought a new skateboard
 - I've just seen the new Daniel Radcliffe movie. It is terrible!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u3RVtbj1opU>