

Present Perfect: Overview

We form the present perfect with have/has + (not) + past participle

FORM:	I have	worked	I haven't	worked	Have I	worked ?
	You have		You haven't		Have you	
	He has		He hasn't		Has he	
	She has		She hasn't		Has she	
	It has		It hasn't		Has it	
	We have		We haven't		Have we	
	You have		You haven't		Have you	
	They have		They haven't		Have they	

USE: The “**present perfect**” is used to state that there is a connection between the past and the present. There are **four** situations in which you use it:

Rule #1 • An action which **started in the past and continues** in the present.
She has lived in Boston for over twenty years. (She lives in Boston today.)
I have been on a diet for 2 months.
I have been a teacher since 1991.
How long have you worn glasses?

Rule #2 • A **repeated past action** with no time marker.
I have seen that movie four times.
He has visited Niagara falls only once.
I have sent you three e-mails. It's your turn to answer.
How many times have you eaten poutine?

Rule #3 • An **action which occurred once** in the past with no time marker.
I have been to Mexico.
I have bought your birthday present.
She has had her baby.
Have you studied for your exam?

Rule #4 • An action in the past with a **vague time marker**.
I have eaten already.
She's seen Tom recently.
Bob hasn't seen his mother in the last few days.
Has she already decorated the house?

Complete the sentences using the PRESENT PERFECT of the verbs in parentheses.

My name is Linda Carson. I work for a travel agency called *Paradise Travels*. I _____
(be) a travel agent for five years now. I'm the manager of Paradise Travels Santa Monica office.
I _____ (have) this job for two years. I have an apartment in downtown Santa Monica
which I share with my husband Larry. We _____ (live) there for six months. We
_____ (be married) for ten years. Larry is a chef at the Santa Monica Hotel. He
_____ (work) there for one year.

Answer the following questions with full sentences.

1. How many times have you spoken to your parents this month?

2. How many books have you read this year?

3. How often have you eaten in restaurants this month?

4. Have you ever visited Chicago?

5. Have you been to your friend's house this week?

6. Have you ever tried Mexican food?

7. Have you seen the latest Spielberg movie?

Complete the following sentences.

1. I have just _____
2. The mailman has just _____
3. They have recently _____
4. My sister has often _____
5. I have always _____
6. My brother has recently _____
7. He has already _____
8. She has _____ many times.
9. We have frequently _____
10. He has _____ before.

Read the following passage and write sentences using the PRESENT PERFECT.

Every Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., Sam and Sally start doing the house chores. Here are the jobs they do. It is now 10:45 a.m. Look at the times beside each chore. What jobs have they done? What haven't they done?

<i>10:05 a.m.</i>	<i>Clean the windows</i>	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Defrost the fridge</i>
<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>take out the garbage</i>	<i>11:15 a.m.</i>	<i>Wash the floors</i>
<i>10:35 a.m.</i>	<i>Make the bed</i>	<i>12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Polish the furniture</i>

Example: *They have cleaned the windows.*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____