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| **Present Perfect: Problems with Use** | |
| The **past tense** is used for events that happened at a specific time in the past, or were entirely completed in the past. The **Present Perfect** is used to describe events that began in the past but are still important in the present. These events may be related to the present in the several ways.  **Uses of the Present Perfect** | |
| **Situations that are still**  **true in the present** | *I have lived in this house for four years.* (I still live there now.)  *I have been renovating the house since I bought it.* (I am still renovating.)  Contrast with the Past Tense:  *I lived in this house for four years*. (I don’t live there now.) |
| **Events/Situations that began in the past and continue into the present** | * Sentences with since, ever, never:   *I’ve been friends with Kate since university.* (We are still friends.)   * Very recent events with *just*:   *I’ve just made some coffee. It’s still hot.* (recent past, still important now)   * Number of times an event has happened so far:   *Al has traveled to Europe three* *times*. (He may go again.) |
| **Events completed in the past, but still related to present situation in some way** | * Past Event(s) with Present Result:   *Tom has lied so many times that I don’t believe him anymore.*   * Past Event(s) with Implied Present Result:   *He has spilled wine on the carpet.* (There’s a mess now.)  *I have forgotten her name.* (I don’t remember her name now.)   * Past Event Related to Speaker’s Attitude:   *Have you seen my keys?* (Speaker is still looking for keys.)  *Scientists have found that Vitamin E is good for your skin.* (And I believe that this is true.)  **NOTES:** The **present perfect progressive** is used to express temporary situations, continuous actions or uncompleted actions.  Example: *It has been raining for three days.*  The simple past must be used with a specific point in time in the past.  Example: *Joe traveled to Europe last month.* (specific time reference) |

*Choose between the PAST TENSE or PRESENT PERFECT for the verbs provided. More than one answer may be possible.*

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) that movie so I’d rather go see a different one.
2. The dog \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(chew) up my shoes last week, but I bought a new pair.
3. Henry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) here for five years, but he left last month to start his own business.
4. My favourite band \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (release) a new CD. I want to buy it this weekend.
5. Cheryl \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Toronto last week.
6. Oh no! Someone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (spill) coffee on my jacket. I’ll have to get it cleaned.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) here for years. It’s a nice place, so we don’t plan to move.
8. She loves books. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (read) four novels so far this month.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) eel? I love it.
10. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) so many mistakes that I don’t trust him anymore.
11. My mother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) on Saturday.
12. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) here for six days.
13. So far this year, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (miss) five days of school. Last week, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (miss) two days because I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) the flu.
14. Ken lives in Saskatchewan. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(never see) the ocean.
15. The class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(write) an difficult exam this morning.
16. I love that book. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(read) it three times.
17. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) ice hockey?

*Complete the paragraphs with the SIMPLE PAST or PRESENT PERFECT or PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE.*

1. My boyfriend and I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see-neg.) each other since last weekend. On Monday we were supposed to get together, but he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) sick. Then on Wednesday night, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) to work. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) at the *Bay Street Grill* for two years. Although my boyfriend and I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (talk) on the phone every day this week, I miss him. Last night when he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (call) we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) plans to go out for dinner on Saturday night.
2. Since we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) our new house, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have-neg.) much free time. Every weekend, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (paint) inside the house. And my wife \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the garden whenever she has time. Last night, we finally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(decide) to take a break. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (order) pizza and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a movie.
3. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rain) for a week. The rain is ruining all my plans. For example, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (want) to go to the beach last Saturday. Sunday, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(cancel) my tennis lesson. Today, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(have) to take the bus to school instead of walking. I hope the rain stops soon. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (plan) a big barbecue in the park for next weekend, so I want the weather to be nice.
4. A: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) to Europe?

B: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) twice.

A: What countries \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (visit)?

B: Last summer, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Greece and Turkey.

A: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (like) it?

B: Oh yes, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (love) the food and the historical sites. How about

you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(travel) to Europe?

A: No, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Mexico last winter, but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_

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