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| **Present Perfect: Versus Simple Past** | | | |
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| **FORM :** | **Present Perfect :**  **Have / has + (not) + past participle** | **Simple Past:** Regular / Irregular Past VerbDid not + base verb |  |
|  | **The Present Perfect is used :** | **The Simple Past is used:** |  |
| **USE :** | To talk about something which started in the past and continues up to the present.  e.g. *I have lived here for five years.*(I still live here). | To talk about something which started and finished in the past.  e.g. *I lived here for five years.* (I do not live here now). |  |
|  | When the result of a past action is connected to the present.  e.g. *He has lost his wallet.* (He does not have  the wallet now). | When the result of a past action is not connected to the present.  e.g. *He lost his wallet, but he found it in his*  *jacket.* |  |
|  | To talk about an indefinite time up to the present, using: *ever, never, recently, already, yet.*  e.g. *I have already finished my work.* | To talk about a definite past time, using: *yesterday, last week, ago.*  e.g. *I finished my work two hours ago.* |  |
|  | With today, this morning, this afternoon, etc., when these periods of time are not finished.  e.g. *She has spoken to Peter this morning.* (It  is still morning). | With today, this morning, this afternoon, etc. when these periods of time are finished.  e.g. *I spoke to Peter this morning.* (It is not  morning anymore). |  |
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| *Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb. Use the PAST or PRESENT PERFECT.* |

#### When he first came to this country, Robert \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) as a carpenter.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) sick all week.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ski) in Colorado many times.
3. It is natural that the man speaks English well because he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (speak) English all his life.
4. From 1987 to 1992, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) on 12th Street.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) Christine two days ago.
6. The car that I own is a Buick. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) it for three years.
7. Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a teacher in this school only since January.
8. Carol, who is now in the next class, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (study) Spanish for two years.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hear) that story before.
10. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (become) friends when we were students.
11. The hurricane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (last) for four hours.
12. I, myself, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (drive) steadily since 1991.
13. Our teacher last semester \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) Mrs. White.
14. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) on the South Shore since 1978.
15. After I last saw him, Evan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feel) better.

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#### Carol and I are old friends. I (know) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her since I (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a freshman in university.

1. Maria (have) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of problems since she (come) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to this country.
2. I (have, not) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ any problems since I (come) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ here.
3. Since the semester (begin) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we (have) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ three tests.
4. Mike (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in school since he (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ six years old.
5. My mother (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in school since she (graduate) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from college in 1975.
6. Since we (start) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ doing this exercise, we (complete) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ six sentences.

#### She (speak)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to me about it on Saturday.

1. We (study) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this lesson already.
2. Gary (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Paris just last month.
3. Molly (lose) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_her car keys again.
4. The students (learn) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ twenty new words last week.
5. My husband and his colleagues (fly) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Bermuda to attend a business meeting yesterday.
6. He (want) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to leave the city recently.
7. Linda (teach) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that class 3 years ago.

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| *Choose either the PRESENT PERFECT or SIMPLE PAST for each sentence below.* |

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| 1. | My brother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to study) karate. |
| 2. | Last night some friends and I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to play) poker. |
| 3. | She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to see) the movie “Titanic” four times! |
| 4. | When I was in high school, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to love) mathematics. |
| 5. | It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to rain) very hard last night. |
| 6. | There \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to be) a lot of rain recently. |
| 7. | I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to write) a few poems, but they aren’t very good. |
| 8. | Ever since I ate that pizza, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to feel—negative) very well. |
| 9. | My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to come) to Canada 50 years ago. |
| 10. | My friend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to start) his own business. |
| 11. | We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to fly) to Hawaii in 1996. |
| 12. | I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(to fly) about five or six times. |
| 13. | I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(to see—negative) my cousin when he came to visit. |
| 14. | She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to sing) for many years. |
| 15. | She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to sing) in a rock band in college. |
| 16. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to finish—you) your homework yet? |
| 17. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to finish—you) your homework last night? |
| 18. | I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to talk) with my mother in a long time. |
| 19. | The last time I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to see) you was last Christmas. |

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| *Choose either the PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE PAST for the blanks below. Why did you choose each tense?* |

Roch Voisine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to be) born in New Brunswick. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to grow up) speaking French and English. He originally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to want) to become a professional hockey player but he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to injure) his knee. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to begin) to write songs. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to hire) a manager. In 1989, his first hit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to be) a song called “Helene”. Since then he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to record) albums in French and English. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to win) awards in Quebec, Canada, and France. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to sell) millions of albums in Canada and Europe. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to perform) to sold out crowds around the world.