

## Present Perfect: Review

**FORM:** Have/Has + (not) + Past Participle

**USE:** The **Present Perfect** is used to show that there is a connection between the past and Present. Use this tense in these situations:

1. An action which **started in the past and continues** in the present.  
*They have lived in Canada since 1997.*
2. A **repeated past action** with no time marker.  
*He has been to my house many times.*
3. An action which occurred **once in the past with no time marker**.  
*Have you finished your homework?*
4. An action in the past with a **vague time marker** or **no time marker**.  
*She has never eaten Mexican food.*  
*I have been to Toronto recently.*

Note: The **Simple Past** is used for events that were completed at a specific time in the past, or were completed in the past and are not important in the present.

*Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the PRESENT PERFECT.*

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in this city for two years.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (see) “Star Wars”?
3. Nancy loves to travel. She \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Europe several times.
4. Norm \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for the test.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a hockey game.
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) English since she was a child.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a teacher since 1996.
8. How many times \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) in a restaurant this month?
9. Ray \_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) painting the bathroom yet.
10. My landlord is upset because I \_\_\_\_\_ (not pay) my rent.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ your wife ever \_\_\_\_\_ (try) skiing?

*Complete the sentences with the correct form of the SIMPLE PAST or PRESENT PERFECT.*

1. Since I \_\_\_\_\_ (start) this job, I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) many new things.  
For example, I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a course about computers last month  
and \_\_\_\_\_ (discover) how to use some new programs. Although I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (work) as an accountant before, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) surprised to find out  
that some things are different at this company. Although I have a lot to learn,  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) my time here so far.
2. Officer, my wife \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) her purse in the mall! We \_\_\_\_\_ (buy)  
something in Sears and then we \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) lunch in the food court. We  
\_\_\_\_\_ (return) to all the stores we \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) today, but we still  
\_\_\_\_\_ (not find) the purse.

*Answer the following questions. Discuss with a partner.*

1. In which sentence is the couple divorced?
  - a) They were married for four years.
  - b) They have been married for four years.
2. In which sentence is Steve talking about his last vacation?
  - a) I have gone to San Juan.
  - b) I went to San Juan.
3. In which sentence is Karen still living in Miami?
  - a) I lived in Miami for five years.
  - b) I have lived in Miami for five years.
4. In which sentence is Daniel NOT a flight attendant now?
  - a) I have been a flight attendant for Air Canada since 2000.
  - b) I was a flight attendant for Air Canada.
5. In which sentence does Anna still play tennis?
  - a) I played tennis in university.
  - b) I have played tennis since university.