

Present Perfect: So Far, Up Till Now, To Date

FORM:

SO FAR	UP TILL NOW	TO DATE
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USE:

These short phrases indicate that a situation began in the past, is continuing at the time you speak, and has the possibility to continue into the future. They can be used with affirmatives, negations, and questions.

So Far → can be used with specific time periods.

Examples: so far today
so far this morning
so far this week
so far this hour
so far this winter

Up Till Now → expresses the same idea as “so far”, but it is not used with specific time periods.

To Date → since the word “date” refers to the month and the number, and is a twenty-four hour period, “to date” **cannot** be used when talking about specific time.

EXAMPLES:

I have written four reports so far this week.
Up till now we have had no requests for the new equipment.
There have been fifteen calls about the new health policy to date.

Make sentences using the above ADVERBS OF TIME and the PRESENT PERFECT.

1. Sally / to have / five cups of coffee / so far / today.

2. To date / John / to ask / his girlfriend / to marry him.

3. Rebecca / to travel / to ten countries / up till now.

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4. We / to hear / any news / from the lawyers / to date.

5. Up till now / the students / to finish / half of the second week.

Write two sentences for each: SO FAR, UP TILL NOW, TO DATE. Remember to use the PRESENT PERFECT.

1. (so far) _____

2. (so far) _____

3. (up till now) _____

4. (up till now) _____

5. (to date) _____

6. (to date) _____