



PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

We use the perfect tense when the actions just happened, when we talk about repeated actions that happened lately, actions of undetermined time and when we use superlative forms and to point out the last time we did something or something was true.

We can use the following expressions of undetermined time: lately, nowadays, in this month, recently, in the last few years, over the last few days, in the last few months during this week, etc.

The auxiliary verb for this tense is “to have” conjugated according to the pronoun that we want to use as a subject.

CONJUGATION:

Normal Form	Contracted Form	Negative Form
I have	I've	I have not
You have	You've	You do not have
He has	He's	He does not have
She has	She's	She does not have
It has	It's	It does not have
We have	We've	We do not have
They have	They've	They do not have

Examples:

I've lost my key.

We've eaten in that restaurant three times this week.

This is the best movie I've ever seen.

She says that she's studied English before.

I haven't seen George for a couple of days.

We have done a lot of progress in the last few days.

He has done that before.

The grammar structure is as follows:

SUBJECT + AUXILIARY + VERB IN PAST PARTICIPLE + COMPLEMENT

Examples:

I **have lost** my wallet.

You **have seen** that man before.

He **has won** the contest.

She **has moved** to the coast. It

has rained a lot lately.

We **have talked** too much.

You **have drunk** too many bottles of wine.

They **have gone** to the movies.

For the questions the structure changes and we have to use some words that emphasize the questions, the affirmative answers and the negative answers.

They are:

ever, yet (for questions only) **never, yet** (negative answers only) **already** (affirmative answers only) **just** (emphasizes the statements)

The grammar structure for the questions is as follows:

AUXILIARY + SUBJECT + VERB IN THE PAST PARTICIPLE + COMPLEMENT

Examples:

Have you **ever** been to France?

Yes, I have **already** been to France.

Yes, I've **just** been to France.

Yes, I have

No, I have not been to France **yet**.

No, I have **never** been to France.

No, I haven't.

Have you **ever** seen a ghost?

Yes, I have.

No, I haven't

No, I have **never** seen a ghost.

Have you seen that movie **yet**?

Yes, I have **already** seen it. Yes,

I've **just** seen it.

No, I haven't seen that movie **yet**.

Has she **ever** flown by plane?

Yes, she has.

No, she hasn't.

No, she has **never** flown by plane.

Has the concert started **yet**?

Yes, the concert has **already** started.

Yes, it's **just** started.

No, it hasn't started **yet**.

Have your parents **ever** had a party for all their friends?

Yes, they have.

No, they haven't.

No, they have **never** had a party for all their friends.



Have they finished the report **yet**?

Yes, they have **already** finished the report.

Yes, they've **just** finished the report.

No, they haven't finished the report **yet**.

Have you **ever** eaten sushi?

Yes, I have.

No, I haven't.

No, I have never eaten sushi.

We can also use the words **since** and **for**.

We use **since** with the starting date.

We use **for** with period of time.

Examples:

I have had my car **since** 1992.

I have had my car **for** six years.

She has studied English **since** January 1st, 1994.

She has studied English **for** five years.



.Fill in the blanks with the past participle form of the verbs given in parenthesis. Remember to pay attention to spelling and capitalization.

Examples:

She has _____ (**study**) a lot lately.

She has **studied** a lot lately.

1. I have _____ (watch) this movie several times.
2. Mark has never _____(be) to France.
3. I haven't _____ (see) my friend Peter for a while.
4. He has _____ (make) the same mistake twice.
5. They have _____ (stop) coming to our bar.
6. It has _____ (been) cold for several days now.
7. He has _____ (speak) about these problems many times.
8. Have you ever _____ (see) a ghost?
9. Where have you _____(be)?
10. Have you ever _____ (wait) for so long to be served?
11. We haven't _____ (go) to the movies for several months.
12. The new rocket has _____ (lift) off.
13. Have you ever _____ (do) something really silly?
14. Have you ever _____ (get) lost in a big city?
15. The game has just _____ (start)
16. We have already _____ (study) present perfect tense.
17. We haven't _____ (do) anything wrong.
18. I haven't _____ (smoke) a cigarette for three months.

19. We have _____ (buy) a computer for our son.

20. She is very lucky, she has _____ (win) the lottery a couple of times.

12. They _____ in California since 1978.
A. has lived B. have lived
13. We _____ pizza twice this week! Let's eat something else.
A. has eaten B. have eaten
14. Peter _____ this novel a couple of times.
A. has read B. have read
15. We _____ each other for a long time.
A. hasn't seen B. haven't seen
16. It _____ very difficult for me to move to a new apartment.
A. has been B. have been
17. He _____ a hard time finding a new job since he got laid off.
18. I _____ called my friend for almost a year now.
A. haven't called B. hasn't called
19. You _____ a little bit too much! You shouldn't drive.
A. have drunk B. has drunk
20. My car _____ stolen. What do I do now?
A. have been B. has been