Unit 6

Grammar

The present perfect simple

We use this tense when we want to talk about unfinished actions or states or habits that started in the past and continue to the present. Usually we use it to say 'how long' and we need 'since' or 'for'. We often use stative verbs.

To make the **positive** present perfect

- I've known Karen since 1994.
- She's lived in London for three years.
 - I've worked here for six months.

Present perfect tense, use:

- 'have' / 'has' + the past participle
- Make the past participle by adding 'ed' to regular verbs (for example, 'play' becomes 'played')
- There are a few verbs that change their spelling when you add 'ed' (for example, 'study' becomes 'studied')
 - We also have some completely <u>irregular verbs</u>

Key words:

We often use the following words with the present perfect tense.

already ever for just since yet

Which other word is often used with the present perfect tense in questions?

Have you ever travelled on a motorbike?

Has he ever invited you out for lunch?

We put ever between the subject and the main verb.

(Also, here's some help if you are not sure how to pronounce '-ed' at the end of a verb).

Positive	Positive Short Form
I have played	I've played
you have worked	you 've worked
he has written	he's written
she has walked	she 's walked
it has rained	it's rained
we have travelled	we 've travelled

they have studied

they've studied



I have made my bed all these days

She has lived in Paris since 2009

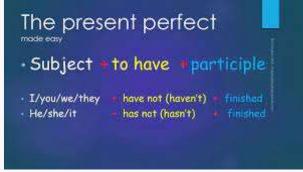
Present perfect has been very easy to understand

You have just taken a shower

We have already finished our homework

The **negative** is really simple too. Just put 'not' after 'have' or 'has':

Negative	Negative Short Form
I have not eaten breakfast today	I haven't eaten
you have not been to Asia	you haven't been
he has not seen the new film	he hasn't seen
she has not played tennis	she hasn't played
it has not snowed this winter	it hasn't snowed
we have not slept all night	we haven't slept
they have not tried the food	they haven't tried



To make a **question**, put 'have' or 'has' in front of the subject:

'Yes / No' Questions

have I missed the bus?

have you visited London?

has he **worked** as a waiter before?

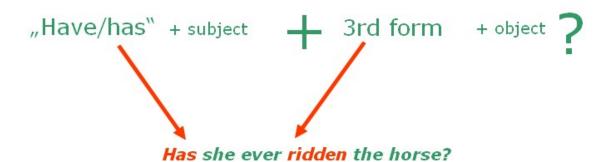
has she met John?

has it been cold this week?

have we arrived too early?

have they studied English grammar before?

Questions in the Present Perfect Tense



Have you ever tried to change your hairstyle?

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