

22 PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE TENSE (2)

USE

We use **the present perfect simple** to express an action that started in the past and is still going on in the present. In this case, we use the present perfect simple like the present simple, but we emphasize the duration with **“since”** or **“for”** :

- *I work as a teacher.*

(How long? We don't know so we use *the present simple*)

duration

- *I **have worked** as a teacher **for ten years**.*

(How long? For ten years. We use *the present perfect* because we emphasize the duration)

We use **ever** and **never** with *the present perfect simple* to talk about experiences

- *Have you **ever** tasted sushi?* - *I have **never** been to Madrid.*



FORM

since + beginning : since 1977, since last summer, since June, since last Friday, etc.

for + time period : for ten years, for a month, for a couple of days, for weeks, etc.

Linda came here last Saturday. It's Monday today, so:

- *Linda has been here **since Saturday** or - Linda has been here **for two days**.*

* We use **since** before a sentence in the past simple: - *I have lived in Leicester **since I moved to England**.*

We use ever in the interrogative form:	We use never in the negative form:
- <i>Have you ever ridden a horse?</i>	- <i>I have never ridden a horse.</i>
- <i>Have you ever travelled by plane?</i>	- <i>I have never travelled by plane.</i>
- <i>Has Mr Thompson ever been to Israel?</i>	- <i>Mr Thompson has never been to Israel.</i>

PRACTICE

22. 1 Fill in the gaps with **for** or **since**:

1. We haven't seen our uncle and aunt **for** nearly two years.
2. The children have been at school 9.
3. My brother has been engaged to that girl a year.
4. I haven't missed any Pedagogy classes I came to this school.
5. They have known me about three months.

22. 2 Ask questions beginning **“Have you ever”** as in the example:

1. (be / Greece) **Have you ever been to Greece** ?
2. (lose / your car key) ?
3. (fly / in a helicopter) ?
4. (read / Faust by Goethe) ?
5. (break / your arm) ?

22. 3 Ask questions with **How long**:

1. (you / love her) **How long have you loved her** ?
2. (you / have this mansion) ?
3. (your teacher / know you) ?
4. (your parents / be married) ?
5. (this car / belong to you) ?

22. 4 Underline the correct choice:

1. My cousin *is* / ***has been*** in Bosnia since June.
2. Liam is a good friend of hers. She *knows* / ***has known*** him very well.
3. Ken *is* / ***has been*** in Indiana now. He *is* / ***has been*** there for a week.
4. How long ***do you live*** / ***have you lived*** in this city?

22. 5 Make dialogues as in the example:

1. I arrived in Istanbul on Friday. It's Tuesday today.
" ***How long have you been in Istanbul***?"
" ***I have been in Istanbul for four days / since Friday***"
2. My P.E. teacher went to Romania two weeks ago. He's still there.
"?"
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3. We took them to hospital yesterday. They are still in hospital.
"?"
""
4. Harrison bought that car in 1998. He still has it.
"?"
""

gone or *been*?

Lucia has gone to Newcastle. (She is in Newcastle at the moment; she has gone there and hasn't come back yet.)

Lucia has been to Newcastle. (She went to Newcastle and returned; she isn't in Newcastle now.)

22. 6 Write gone or been:

1. My parents are on holiday at the moment. They've ***gone*** to India.
2. "Where's the manager?" "He's not here. He's to the bank."
3. Annette has to Argentina once. She went there three years ago.
4. There's a new restaurant in the city centre. We've there many times.
5. The Pitts have to Egypt. You can't see them now.

22. 7 This is Helena. She is old now. She has had an interesting life. What has she done? Complete the sentences:

1. (have many different jobs) ***She has had many different jobs***
2. (get married twice)
3. (travel all over the world)
4. (write two novels and three plays)



22. 8 Make sentences with the words in brackets:

1. (be / you / ever / to Russia)
..... ***Have you ever been to Russia***
2. (learn / your father / how many languages)
.....?
3. (change / a lot / everything in my life)
.....
4. (never / my mother / Chinese food / eat)
.....
5. (go / the children / where)
.....?
6. (your parents / ever / an accident / have)
.....?
7. (read / you / how many books / about Russian literature)
.....?
8. (speak to / never / Lionel Messi / we)
.....

25.1 Choose a verb and use it in the correct tense:

see ~~not remember~~ be be not be cook laugh get up hate fly

- I know him, but I *don't remember* his address now.
- She early in the morning and went to the airport.
- I am trying to understand this document, but I Chinese. It is very difficult and boring.
- What's funny? Why you ?
- The students at school for two hours, not at home.
- I live in the same neighbourhood with her. I often her.
- I think your friend Korean. Am I right?
- My mother a good meal last night for them.
- Sorry, but you are wrong. It me. I was at home then.
- A bird, but you don't.

25.2 Fill in the gaps with the verbs given and then make the sentences negative:

1. FEED

Martha *is feeding* the dog now.

Martha isn't feeding the dog now.

Martha the dog every morning.

..... every evening.

Martha just the dog.

..... yet.

Martha the dog two hours ago.

..... last morning.

Martha the dog at this hour yesterday.

..... at 1 p.m. yesterday.

2. DO

They the dusting at the moment.

..... at the moment.

They the dusting in the morning.

..... at night.

They already the dusting.

..... yet.

They the dusting yesterday.

..... last Tuesday.

They this time last Monday.

..... at this hour yesterday.

Have you ever played basketball, Nick?



Yes, I have. I play it every weekend. I played basketball last weekend, too.

