**Present perfect**

The **present perfect** is formed from the present tense of the verb ***have*** and the [past participle](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/english-grammar-reference/verbs)of a verb.

We use the present perfect:

* for something that **started in the past**and **continues in the present**:

*They****'ve been married****for nearly fifty years.
She****has lived****in Liverpool all her life.*

* when we are talking about our **experience up to the present**:

*I****'ve seen****that film before.
I****'ve played****the guitar ever since I was a teenager.
He****has written****three books and he is working on another one.*

We often use the adverb***ever***to talk about experience up to the present:

*My last birthday was the worst day I****have ever had****.*

and we use***never***for the negative form:

***Have****you****ever met****George?
Yes, but I****'ve never met****his wife.*

* for something that **happened in the past** but is **important in the present**:

*I can't get in the house. I****'ve lost****my keys.
Teresa isn't at home. I think she****has gone****shopping.*

***have been* and *have gone***

We use***have/has been***when someone has***gone***to a place and***returned***:

*A: Where****have****you****been****?
B: I****'ve****just****been****out****to****the supermarket.*

*A:****Have****you****ever been to****San Francisco?
B: No, but I****'ve been to****Los Angeles.*

But when someone **has not returned**, we use***have/has gone***:

*A: Where's Maria? I haven't seen her for weeks.
B: She****'s gone to****Paris for a week. She'll be back tomorrow.*

**Present perfect with time adverbials**

We often use the present perfect with adverbials **which refer to the recent past**:

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| *recently* | *just* | *only just* |

*Scientists****have******recently******discovered****a new breed of monkey.
We****have******just******got****back from our holidays.*

or **adverbials which include the present**:

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| *so far     until now     up to nowever*(in questions)*yet*(in questions and negatives) |

***Have****you****ever******seen****a ghost?
Where****have****you****been******up to now****?
A:****Have****you****finished****your homework****yet****?
B: No,****so far****I****'ve****only****done****my history.*

After a clause with the present perfect we often use **a clause with *since* to show when something started in the past**:

*I****'ve worked****here****since I left school****.
I****'ve been watching****that program every week****since it started****.*

| Be careful! |
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| We do not use the present perfect with **adverbials which refer to a finished past time**: |
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| *yesterday* | *last week/month/year* | *in 2017* | *when I was younger* | etc. |

*I****have seen****that film****~~yesterday~~****.We****have****just****bought****a new car****~~last week~~****.****~~When we were children~~****we****have been****to California.* |
| but we can use the present perfect with **adverbials which refer to a time which is not yet finished**: |
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| *today* | *this week/month/year* | *now that I am 18* | etc. |

***Have****you****seen****Helen****today****?We****have bought****a new car****this week****.* |

1. ***Put the verbs into the correct form (present perfect simple).***
2. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not / work) today.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a new lamp.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not / plan) our holiday yet.
5. Where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(be / you) ?
6. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(write) five letters.
7. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not / see) him for a long time.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(be / you) at school?
9. School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not / start) yet.
10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(speak / he) to his boss?
11. No, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(have / not) the time yet.

B*.* ***Fill in the correct form of the verbs in the liveworksheets below (the exercises on the next page)***

