

Present Perfect v Past Simple

Grammar Tense	Time Style	Indicator Words	Example Sentence
Present Perfect	Past experiences/ not a particular time	<i>ever, never, before, yet, already, recently</i>	<i>"I have never visited Italy."</i>
Past Simple	Specific / Finished Time	<i>yesterday, last night, last week, 2 years ago, in 2020</i>	<i>"I visited Italy last year."</i>

Present perfect: **Subject + has/have + past participle**

I have been to Greece

She has eaten lunch already.

Questions:

Life Experiences (*Have you ever...?*)

- Have you ever been to France? Yes I have been to France / No, I haven't been to France
- Have you ever been on stage before? No I haven't been on stage before
- Have you ever tried an extreme sport? Yes I have tried an extreme sport .
- Have you ever fallen asleep in a public place? Yes I have fallen asleep in a public place.
- Have you ever practiced speaking english? Yes I have practiced speaking English.
- Have you ever had a dog? No I have never had a dog.

Recent Events (*Already, Yet, Just*)

- Have you had breakfast today yet? Yes I already had breakfast
- Have you already finished your homework for this week? Yes I have already finished my homework.
- Have you just checked your phone? Yes I have just checked my phone.
- Have you seen any good movies recently? No I haven't seen any good movies recently.

Ongoing States (*For / Since*)

- How long have you lived in your current home? I have lived in my current home for 2 weeks / I have been living in my current house for 2 weeks.
- How long have you known your best friend? I have known my best friend for 5 years.
- How long have you studied English for? I have studied english since school.
- How long have you had your mobile phone? I have had my phone for 1 year.

Precious - Time is precious / (valuable)

By car / by train / by bus/ by plane

We drove there (to drive)

We went there by car

Intersection

Roundabout

Zebra crossing

Teach / Taught

Throw / Threw

Catch / Caught (court)

How long did it take you?

How long was your trip?

How long did you stay there for?

How long did you drive for? How long was the drive?

How long did you work in the company for? How long have you been studying english for?

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Did you go to the grand canyon? Did you go to the park/cinema/shops?