

Present perfect
tense
Examples

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just

Very recently

Very recently

1. We **have just bought** a new tv for the living room.
2. They've **just come** back from Amsterdam.
3. I've **just tried** ringing him but there was no answer.



yet

Until the present time

until the present time

1. I haven't spoken to her yet.
2. He hasn't finished yet.
3. We haven't needed extra staff as yet, but we may in the future.
4. Wait for it! I haven't said 'go' yet.



never

Not at any time

not at any time

1. I have never been to Europe.
2. I've never heard anything so ridiculous.
3. We've never had a chance to sit down and talk.
4. I have never ever seen a squirrel at such close range before.



already

before the present time

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1. I **have already** told him.
2. I've **been** waiting an hour **already**.
3. I **have already** seen that movie.
4. I think we **have already** had the best of the hot weather this summer.



ever

at any time

at any time

1. Have you ever been to London?
2. I've long since forgotten any Latin I ever learned.
3. whales are the largest creatures ever to have lived.
4. I thought she was famous, but none of my friends have ever heard of her.



recently

not long ago

not long ago

1. *Have you seen any good films recently?*
2. *Recently, I've been feeling a bit depressed.*
3. *After many years, her early novels have recently been rediscovered.*
4. *She has recently suffered a bereavement.*



since

from a particular time
in the past until now

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until now

1. A lot **has changed since** 2019.
2. Your piano playing **has really come on since** I last heard you play.
3. He started working for the company in 1995, and **has been there ever since**



from a particular time in the past
until now

1. I've been very busy since I came back from holiday.

2. I've been chewing the problem over since last week.

1. Their movements have been severely circumscribed since the laws came into effect.



Thanks!

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