

# Present perfect tense

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“Knowing when to use the present perfect tense is an important part of English grammar, but it can be confusing even for native English speakers. Below, we explain few main uses of the **present perfect tense**, including examples.”



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## 1. Unfinished Actions

Started in the past and continue to the present. We usually use it to say 'how long' and we need 'since' or 'for'.



# Unfinished Actions

1. I have known Karen since 1994.
2. She has lived in London for three years.

(Still lives there)

3. I have worked here for six months.

(Still working there)

4. She has had a cold for a week.

(not cured yet)



## 2. Finished Actions

Life experience. We don't say when the experience happened. We often use the words 'ever' and 'never' here.

Do you remember the day

1. I **have been** to Tokyo.
2. They **have visited** Paris three times.
3. We **have never seen** that film.
4. I **haven't** seen her **this month**.
5. She **has drunk** three cups of coffee **today**.





A finished action with a result in  
the present (focus on result).

We often use the present perfect to  
talk about something that happened  
in the recent past, but that is  
still true or important now.

## It's a bad day

1. I have lost my keys

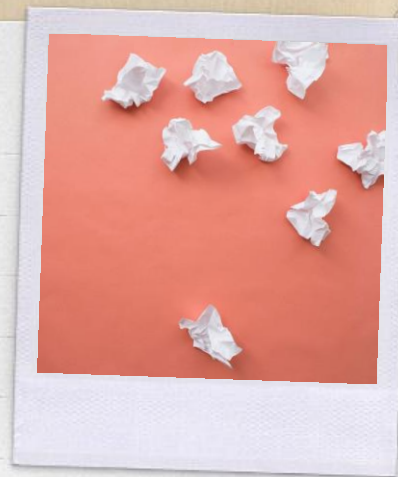
(so I can't get into my house).

2. She has hurt her leg

(so she can't play tennis today).

3. They have missed the bus

(so they will be late).





### Something that happened recently

This is common when we want to introduce news and we often use the words 'just / yet / already / recently'. However, the past simple is also correct in these cases.

## Just recently

1. I **have** **already** **cleaned** my room.
2. I **have** **just** **seen** Lucy.
3. The Mayor **has** **announced** a new plan for the railways **recently**.



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# Thanks!

## Any question?

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