

Present Perfect Tense



Sample Sentences

- 1 I have played football since I was seven.
- 2 She has promised to help me with my essay.
- 3 Sophia has already spoken to her parents about getting her driver's license.
- 4 We have just finished eating lunch.

Forms of the Present Perfect Tense

Subject	have/has	Past Participle
I You We They	have	played.
He/She/It	has	promised.

- The present perfect tense is formed with *has/have* + the past participle form of the verb.
- To make the past participle of regular verbs, add *-ed* or *-d*.
- Use *have* with *I, you, we, they*, and plural nouns.
- Use *has* with *he, she, it*, and singular nouns.

When to Use the Simple Past or Present Perfect

- Use the **simple past tense** when the action started and finished in the past.
- Use the **present perfect tense** when the action began in the past but continues into the present.
- We often use the **present perfect** with time words such as *already, since, always*, and *never*.
- We can also use the **present perfect** to talk about the recent past. Words like *just* and *recently* show the recent past.
- We also use the **present perfect** to talk about repeated actions in the past if the action might occur again in the future.

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentences using the present perfect form of each verb and original content.

- ① read Every day this week we _____
_____ poems in class.
- ② hear Can you believe that she _____ never
_____ of _____?
- ③ live How long _____ you _____ in
your home?
- ④ finish I _____ just _____ reading
_____ ; it's an amazing book.
- ⑤ be Where is _____ ? He _____
_____ absent a lot recently.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentences using the present perfect form of each verb.

- ① work My mother _____ for the
same company since 2005.
- ② go I _____ already _____ to the
principal's office many times.
- ③ live Martin _____ in California
for four years.
- ④ fall Tara keeps ice skating even though she _____
_____ many times.
- ⑤ return Alberto _____ just _____ from
visiting his cousins in Puerto Rico.