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Grammar: Present Perfect Tense

- Sub. + **have/has** + past participle

- USE:

1. **Actions for which we don't know when they happened, or actions for which is more important that they happened than when they happened.**

e.g. **I have bought a cat recently.**

2. **Actions which happened in the past and the effects of which are visible in the present.**

e.g. **I have broken my arm.** (present result = My arm is still in a cast.)

e.g. **The government has increased taxes.**

(present results = taxes are now higher)

e.g. **We have employed two new workers.**

(present results = two more employees)



3. Actions which started in the past and last up to now.

e.g. I *have lived* here since 1968. (I started living here in 1968 and I am still living here)

4. Personal experience (from the moment of birth till now)

e.g. I *have never been* to America.

5. To show an activity within a period of time which is **not yet finished at the time of speaking:**

e.g. The quality of the product *has improved* this year. (The year is not yet finished.)

e.g. John *has changed* three jobs this month. (The month is not yet finished.)



6. to give new information

e.g. Did you hear the news? Jim *has found* a new job!

e.g. Do you know about Susan? She *has got married!*

7. to announce a recent happening

e.g. We *have just signed* a new contract.

e.g. I *have just finished* work.

8. with a superlative

e.g. This is *the largest* order we *have ever received*.

e.g. This is *the most boring* book I *have ever read!*



9. with the expressions such as ***This is the first time*** or ***It's the first time:***

e.g. *This is the first time* we ***have done*** business with you so the payment should be in cash.

e.g. *It's the first time* I ***have had*** a job interview so I'm a bit nervous.

10. to talk about an activity ***between a short time ago and now:***

e.g. I *haven't seen* John ***lately***. Have you?

e.g. We *have* ***recently*** *changed over* to Microsoft XP.



Adverbs use in Present Perfect Simple

already	lately	since	up to now
yet	Ever/never	for	in the past/last 20 years
recently	during the last ten days	so far	just

- **SINCE**/when/
- -1995,
- -last month,
- -Monday,
- -ten o'clock
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- **FOR** /a length of time/
- -five years,
- - two months,
- - a week,
- - an hour,
- -three days...

HAVE/HAS + Subj. + P.P verb +?

Question


Subj. + **HAVE/HAS** + NOT + P.P verb

Negative

- **Have** you ever **smoked?**
- Peter **has never watched** „Titanic”.
- **Has** Max ever **eaten** a shark?
- Tom and Arthur **haven't bought** a dog so far.
- **Have** Peter and Mat **been** abroad **before** ?



Academic word list

1. Adequate = Sufficient = Acceptable = Satisfactory
 2. Annual = Yearly
 3. Despite = In spite of = Although = Even though
 4. Hence = Therefore = as a result = for that reason
 5. Prior = Previous = Earlier = Former
 6. Subsequent = Consequent = Later
 7. Convert = change = transfer
 8. Candidate = applicant = interviewee
 9. Priority = importance = value
 10. Aspect = part = feature
 11. Instant = immediate = prompt
 12. Possibility = likely = Opportunity
 13. Identify = recognise = verify = detect
 14. estimation = deduction = projection
 15. Obtain = receive = get = Gain
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Derivative origin of words

Verb	Noun	Adjective	Adverb
-----1-----	Adequacy	Adequate	-----2-----
Domesticate	-----3-----	-----4-----	Domestically
-----5-----	-----6-----	Ethnic	-----7-----
-----8-----	Promotion	-----9-----	-----10-----
-----11-----	-----12-----	-----13-----	Subsequently
Affect	-----14-----	-----15-----	-----16-----
-----17-----	Evaluation	-----18-----	-----19-----
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