**Unit Seven / Present Perfect** and **Past Simple**

**The Present Perfect tense**is the third form of the present tense. It is written as:

(have or has) **+** past participle (i.e., v3)

e.g. The workers **have finished** the work.

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**The Present Perfect tense is used in the following cases:**

**1.**To describes an action or event that happened in the past without mentioning the

time or adverb that indicate the time of the past:

e.g. I **have read** three books by Charles Dickens.

**2.**To describes an action or event that happened in the past**,** but that is related to

something in the present (i.e., the actionstarted in the past and continue to the

present, and will probably continue to the future):

**Note /** the two words ‘**for**’ لمدةand ‘**since**’ منذare used with this case**:**

e.g. She **has been** in the library for two hours.

e.g. She **has been** in the library since two o’clock.

e.g. He **has been** ill **for** three days.

e.g.I**have known**Nada for ten years**.** (and I still know her).

**3.** To describes an action or event that **has just finished**.

**Note /** the words (**just** / **already** / **yet**) are used with this case**:**

e.g. The student **hasjust finished** his homework**.**

e.g.The student **has already finished** his homework**.**

**Or** The student **has finished** his homework**already.**

e.g. The student **has** not**finished** his homework**yet.**

e.g. The visitors **have** not **arrivedyet**.

\* To form the interrogative form**:** We put the auxiliary in front of the subject.

e.g. **Have**you**seen** *The Lord of the Rings***?**

**\* To make the negative form:** We insert the word **‘not”** after the auxiliary**:**

e.g. I **have**n’t **seen** Titanic**. Or** I **have not seen** Titanic**.**

**Note /** The question word **‘How long’** is used with this tense**:**

e.g. How long **have** you **taught** in this school**?**

While **the past simple tense** – is used when we talk about an action or event that happened and completed in the past. There are two forms of the verb in the past simple: (1) regular verbs (2) irregular verbs . See **Unit Three** (page 22)

**The Differences between the Present Perfect** and **the Past Simple**

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| **Present Perfectالمضارع التام** | **Past Simpleالماضي البسيط** |
| Unfinished actions that started in the past and continue to the present:  e.g. I**'ve known**her for ten years (I still know her). | Finished actions:  e.g. I **knew**her for ten years.(no longerknow her). |
| **A finished action** in someone's life (when the person is still alive: life experience):  e.g. My father **has been** to Mexico three times. | A finished action in someone's life (when the person is dead):  e.g. My great-grandmother **went** to Mexico three  times. |
| A finished action with a result in the present:  e.g. I'v**e lost** my keys! (The result is that I can't get  into my house now). | A finished action with no result in the present:  e.g. I **lost** my keys yesterday. It was terrible!  (Now there is no result. I got new keys yesterday). |
| With an unfinished time word (this week, this month, today):  e.g. I'**ve seen** John this week. | With a finished time word (last week, last month, yesterday):  e.g. I **saw** John last week. |

**Q.**Put the verb in brackets either inPast Simple or Present Perfect.

**Example:** We **saw** Layla last night. (see)

**Example:** I **have lost** my keys - can you help me look for them**? (lose)**

1.I ………………………………………….in London for three years. **(be)**

2. Sarah ……………………………………...her leg, so she can't come skiing. **(break)**

3.The children…………………………...….a window in the school last week. **(break)**

4. I ……………………………………………the sea before.**(not / see)**

5. She ……………………………….……….a teacher for ten years, and she still enjoys it.**(be)**

6.How long………………………………………………Susan? **(you / know)**

**7.** I ………………………………………….…Paris last year**. (visit)**