A Present perfect simple (1) ever, never

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<td>I’ve been to Brazil.</td>
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<td>Have they arrived?</td>
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1 We form the Present perfect with have/has + the past participle. In spoken English we usually use the contracted form ‘ve/’s.

2 The past participle of regular verbs is the same as the Past simple form, for example, work – worked. However, irregular verbs also have irregular past participles. For example, be – was – been, see – saw – seen, do – did – done, make – made – made.

3 We use the Present perfect to talk about past actions or experiences in our lives, but we don’t specify when they happened. We often use it with the adverbs recently and once, twice, etc.

I’ve been to Argentina.

NOT I’ve been to Argentina last year.

I’ve seen Robbie Williams in concert twice.

4 We often use the Present perfect with ever in questions and never in negative sentences with an affirmative verb.

Have you ever seen the Queen?

No, I’ve never seen the Queen.

5 Note the difference between been and gone.

She’s been to New York. (= She was in New York, but now she’s back.)

She’s gone to New York. (= She’s in New York or on her way there.)

B Present perfect simple (2) already, just, still, yet

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1 We use already in affirmative sentences to say that something happened before now.

2 We use just in affirmative sentences to say that something has happened very recently.

3 We use yet in questions to ask about something that we expect to happen. We use (not) yet in negative sentences to say that something we expected to happen hasn’t happened.

4 We use still in negative sentences with the same meaning as yet.

C Present perfect simple (3) How long...?, for, since

How long have you been here?

I’ve been here for three hours. / I’ve been here since 3 p.m.

How long has he known her?

He’s known her for six months. / He’s known her since March.

1 We use the Present perfect with How long...?, for and since to talk about situations which started in the past and continue in the present. We use for to indicate the duration of the situation and since to indicate when the situation began in the past.

Unlike Italian, in English we do not use the Present simple with for and since to describe continuing situations.

I’ve known her for years. NOT I know her for years.

D Present perfect simple vs Past simple

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<td>Have you spoken to John?</td>
<td>Did you speak to John last night?</td>
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1 We use the Present perfect when we talk about an action in the past, but we don’t specify the time.

2 We use the Past simple when we talk about an action in the past, and we specify the time (two hours ago, yesterday, last week).
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1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the Present perfect of the verb in brackets.

   1 I can’t find my purse. (lose)  
      I’ve lost my purse. ___________________________.
   2 Gerry can’t remember the time of the interview. (forget)  
      Gerry _________________________________.
   3 Amy is on her way to school. (go)  
      Amy _________________________________.
   4 I don’t know that man. (never/meet)  
      I _________________________________.
   5 There’s something wrong with my dad’s leg. (break)  
      My dad _________________________________.

2 Write the questions for the answers using the words in brackets.

   1 A (ever/see/a snake)  
      Have you ever seen a snake? ___________________________.
   B No I haven’t – only on TV.
   2 A (How many times/Jill/move/house)  
      ___________________________?
   B Five times!
   3 A (ever/sing/a solo)  
      ___________________________?
   B Once at primary school, when I was five.
   4 A (be/cold/recently)  
      ___________________________?
   B No it hasn’t. The weather’s been lovely.

**B Present perfect simple (2) already, just, still, yet**

3 Put the adverbs in the correct place in the sentences or questions. Write in your exercise book.

   1 Have you had dinner? (yet)  
      ___________________________.
   2 Their plane hasn’t taken off. (still)  
      ___________________________.
   3 This letter has arrived for you. (just)  
      ___________________________.
   4 I’ve seen this film. (already)  
      ___________________________.
   5 We haven’t met the new boss. (yet)  
      ___________________________.
   6 Mary’s told me she’s getting married! (just)
      ___________________________.

4 Complete the sentences with already, just, still or yet.

   1 I’ve already passed my driving test. I don’t need … There’s something wrong with my dad’s leg. (break)
   My dad _________________________________.
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**C Present perfect simple (3) How long...?, for, since**

5 Complete the sentences with for or since.

   1 I’ve had a horrible cold since Friday.
   2 We’ve lived in this house three years.
   3 Dan’s known Alice they were kids.
   4 Have you been here 8 o’clock?
   5 I’ve been on a diet five long months.
   6 They’ve had their dog a long time.

6 Correct the sentences.

   1 I’ve known you for 5 years. You’re great! ___________________________.
   2 We don’t see her since last week. ___________________________.
   3 She played tennis since she was 8. ___________________________.
   4 They’ve lived in Rome since ages. ___________________________.
   5 How long are you here? ___________________________.
   6 He worked for that company for six years and now he’s the manager. ___________________________.

**D Present perfect simple vs Past simple**

7 Complete the sentences and questions with the Present perfect or Past simple form of the verb in brackets.

   1 When did you buy (you/buy) that CD?
   2 (you/ever/go) to a concert?
   3 Luckily, I (never/break) my leg.
   4 He’s tired. He (never/break) my leg late last night.
   5 (you/ever/eat) fish and chips?
   6 She (leave) home 4 years ago.

8 Choose the correct alternative.

   1 Have you spent/did you spend your pay yet?
      B We haven’t done/didn’t do the shopping yet.
   2 He still hasn’t found/didn’t find a job.
      A She has/had a job interview.
   3 Did he go/Has he gone yesterday?
      B He’s just had/just had a job interview.
   4 Who did you see/have you seen last night?
      B We haven’t done/didn’t do the shopping yet.
   5 I’ve already given/gave you £20. That’s enough!
      A He had/had a job interview.
   6 A You look very smart.
      A I haven’t done/didn’t do the shopping yet.
   7 B I’ve just had/just had a job interview.