# Present Perfect in English

**GRAMMAR PRACTICE WORKSHEET • B1–B2 • 100 QUESTIONS + ANSWER KEY**

A printable practice collection covering the present perfect simple and continuous, time expressions, the contrast with the past simple and B2 First-style sentence transformations.

**Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

## Quick guide: choose the right form

**PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE**

have/has + past participle

life experience, result, or unfinished time

*I have read three chapters.*

**PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS**

have/has been + -ing

activity, duration, or continuing action

*I have been reading all afternoon.*

**Remember:** use **for** with a length of time and **since** with a starting point. Use the **past simple** with a finished time such as *yesterday* or *in 2021*.

## Exercise 1: Forming the Present Perfect

**Focus:** have / has + past participle; positive, negative and question forms

Complete the sentences with the correct present perfect form of the verb in brackets.

**01.** I _____ (finish) my homework.

**02.** She _____ (not call) me today.

**03.** _____ you _____ (see) this film before?

**04.** They _____ (move) to a new flat.

**05.** He _____ (not eat) lunch yet.

**06.** We _____ (know) each other for years.

**07.** My parents _____ (buy) a new car.

**08.** _____ Anna _____ (arrive) yet?

**09.** The children _____ (not tidy) their room.

**10.** I _____ (write) three emails so far today.

## Exercise 2: Irregular Past Participles

**Focus:** common irregular forms

Write the correct past participle of each verb.

**01.** go → _____

**02.** see → _____

**03.** write → _____

**04.** take → _____

**05.** break → _____

**06.** choose → _____

**07.** forget → _____

**08.** begin → _____

**09.** speak → _____

**10.** drive → _____

## Exercise 3: Ever, Never and Before

**Focus:** life experiences

Choose the correct word from the options in brackets.

**01.** Have you _____ tried Thai food? (ever / never)

**02.** I have _____ been to Canada. I'd love to go one day. (ever / never)

**03.** She has visited Rome _____. (before / yet)

**04.** Have they _____ met your brother? (ever / never)

**05.** We have _____ eaten in this restaurant before. It is our first time. (ever / never)

**06.** This is the best cake I have _____ tasted. (ever / never)

**07.** He has _____ spoken to a native speaker, so he feels nervous about his first conversation. (ever / never)

**08.** I have heard this song _____. (before / yet)

**09.** Has your teacher _____ explained this rule? (ever / never)

**10.** They have _____ travelled outside Europe, but they hope to visit Japan next year. (ever / never)

## Exercise 4: Just, Already and Yet

**Focus:** recent and completed actions

Choose the correct word from the options in brackets.

**01.** I have _____ finished my essay. I finished it five minutes ago. (just / yet)

**02.** Have you sent the application _____? (just / yet)

**03.** She has _____ left, so you missed her. (just / yet)

**04.** We have _____ booked the tickets. You do not need to do it. (already / yet)

**05.** They have not replied _____. (already / yet)

**06.** He has _____ eaten, but he is hungry again. (already / yet)

**07.** Have the students arrived _____? (just / yet)

**08.** I have _____ seen that film twice. (already / yet)

**09.** The meeting has _____ started. Please be quiet. (just / yet)

**10.** We have not decided what to do _____. (already / yet)

## Exercise 5: For or Since

**Focus:** duration versus starting point

Complete each sentence with for or since.

**01.** I have lived here _____ 2019.

**02.** She has worked as a teacher _____ ten years.

**03.** We have not seen him _____ last Friday.

**04.** They have been married _____ a long time.

**05.** He has played the piano _____ he was six.

**06.** I have not eaten anything _____ breakfast.

**07.** My sister has studied German _____ three months.

**08.** We have known each other _____ our university days.

**09.** The shop has been closed _____ two weeks.

**10.** They have had this dog _____ it was a puppy.

## Exercise 6: Been or Gone

**Focus:** visited and returned versus away and not yet returned

Choose the correct option in each sentence.

**01.** Sarah has been / gone to London twice.

**02.** Tom has been / gone to the bank. He will be back soon.

**03.** Have you ever been / gone to Edinburgh?

**04.** My parents have been / gone out, so the house is quiet.

**05.** I have been / gone to that museum, but I did not like it much.

**06.** Where is Lucy? She has been / gone to the library.

**07.** We have never been / gone to Wales.

**08.** He has been / gone to the dentist and his tooth feels better now.

**09.** They have been / gone to the cinema. They are watching the film now.

**10.** She has been / gone shopping and is back with a new coat.

## Exercise 7: Present Perfect or Past Simple

**Focus:** finished time versus present connection

Complete the sentences with the correct verb form. Use the present perfect or past simple.

**01.** I _____ (see) him yesterday.

**02.** I _____ (not see) him today.

**03.** She _____ (visit) Paris in 2021.

**04.** She _____ (visit) Paris several times.

**05.** We _____ (finish) the project last week.

**06.** We _____ (finish) the project already.

**07.** They _____ (move) here two years ago.

**08.** They _____ (live) here for two years.

**09.** He _____ (break) his phone yesterday, so he cannot call you.

**10.** This is the first time I _____ (try) this dish.

## Results or ongoing activity?

This exercise focuses on meaning, not merely on memorising tense forms.

## Exercise 8: Present Perfect Simple or Continuous

**Focus:** completed results, activity and duration

Choose the best form. For some situations, both can be grammatical, but the focus is different.

**01.** I _____ three chapters of this book. (have read / have been reading)

**02.** I _____ this book all afternoon, and I haven't finished it yet. (have read / have been reading)

**03.** She _____ five emails so far today. (has written / has been writing)

**04.** She _____ emails since nine o'clock and is still at her desk. (has written / has been writing)

**05.** They _____ the kitchen, so all the walls are finished. (have painted / have been painting)

**06.** They _____ the kitchen all day, and they are exhausted. (have painted / have been painting)

**07.** How many pages _____ you _____? (have / read OR have / been reading)

**08.** How long _____ you _____ English? (have / studied OR have / been studying)

**09.** He _____ three cups of coffee today. (has drunk / has been drinking)

**10.** He _____ coffee since breakfast, and he is still drinking it. (has drunk / has been drinking)

## Spot the mistake

Rewrite each complete sentence. Pay attention to the time expressions.

## Exercise 9: Error Correction

**Focus:** ten common present perfect mistakes

Each sentence contains one error. Rewrite it correctly.

**01.** I have seen him yesterday.

_____

**02.** She has went home.

_____

**03.** We know each other for five years.

_____

**04.** Have you ever saw a famous person?

_____

**05.** He has not finished his homework already.

_____

**06.** They have moved here in 2020.

_____

**07.** This is the first time I visit Oxford.

_____

**08.** My brother has break his arm.

_____

**09.** I didn't speak to her yet this week.

_____

**10.** She has gone to Paris twice and enjoyed both trips.

_____

## Optional extension activities

**Speaking:** Ask and answer five *Have you ever...?* questions with a partner. Follow up with the past simple.

**Writing:** Write a paragraph about three things you have achieved this year and two things you have not done yet.

**Exam:** Choose five answers from Exercise 10 and explain the grammar pattern in each.

## Exercise 10: B2 First-Style Key Word Transformations

**Focus:** 2–5 words, including the given key word

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the key word unchanged. Write 2–5 words, including that word.

**01.** I started learning English five years ago.
**FOR**
I _____ English for five years.

**02.** The last time I saw Emma was in March.
**SINCE**
I _____ March.

**03.** This is my first visit to Scotland.
**NEVER**
I _____ Scotland before.

**04.** Tom went to the shop and he is still there.
**GONE**
Tom _____ the shop.

**05.** She finished her work a few minutes ago.
**JUST**
She _____ her work.

**06.** We have not received an answer.
**YET**
We _____ an answer.

**07.** I have never read a more exciting story.
**MOST**
This is _____ I have ever read.

**08.** He moved to London in 2018 and he still lives there.
**SINCE**
He _____ 2018.

**09.** They are still cleaning the classroom.
**FINISHED**
They _____ the classroom yet.

**10.** I have not eaten sushi before.
**FIRST**
This is _____ eaten sushi.

# Answer key

Check your work. Contractions and fully written forms are both acceptable unless the question specifies otherwise.

## Exercise 1: Forming the Present Perfect

| | |
|---|---|
| **01.** have finished | **06.** have known |
| **02.** has not / hasn't called | **07.** have bought |
| **03.** Have ... seen | **08.** Has ... arrived |
| **04.** have moved | **09.** have not / haven't tidied |
| **05.** has not / hasn't eaten | **10.** have written |

## Exercise 2: Irregular Past Participles

| | |
|---|---|
| **01.** gone | **06.** chosen |
| **02.** seen | **07.** forgotten |
| **03.** written | **08.** begun |
| **04.** taken | **09.** spoken |
| **05.** broken | **10.** driven |

## Exercise 3: Ever, Never and Before

| | |
|---|---|
| **01.** ever | **06.** ever |
| **02.** never | **07.** never |
| **03.** before | **08.** before |
| **04.** ever | **09.** ever |
| **05.** never | **10.** never |

## Exercise 4: Just, Already and Yet

| | |
|---|---|
| **01.** just | **06.** already |
| **02.** yet | **07.** yet |
| **03.** just | **08.** already |
| **04.** already | **09.** just |
| **05.** yet | **10.** yet |

## Exercise 5: For or Since

| | |
|---|---|
| **01.** since | **06.** since |
| **02.** for | **07.** for |
| **03.** since | **08.** since |
| **04.** for | **09.** for |
| **05.** since | **10.** since |

## Exercise 6: Been or Gone

| | |
|---|---|
| **01.** been | **06.** gone |
| **02.** gone | **07.** been |
| **03.** been | **08.** been |
| **04.** gone | **09.** gone |
| **05.** been | **10.** been |

## Exercise 7: Present Perfect or Past Simple

| | |
|---|---|
| **01.** saw | **06.** have finished |
| **02.** have not / haven't seen | **07.** moved |
| **03.** visited | **08.** have lived |
| **04.** has visited | **09.** broke |
| **05.** finished | **10.** have tried |

## Exercise 8: Present Perfect Simple or Continuous

| | |
|---|---|
| **01.** have read | **06.** have been painting |
| **02.** have been reading | **07.** have ... read |
| **03.** has written | **08.** have ... been studying (have ... studied also possible) |
| **04.** has been writing | **09.** has drunk |
| **05.** have painted | **10.** has been drinking |

## Exercise 9: Error Correction

01. I saw him yesterday.
02. She has gone home.
03. We have known each other for five years.
04. Have you ever seen a famous person?
05. He has not / hasn't finished his homework yet.
06. They moved here in 2020.
07. This is the first time I have visited Oxford.
08. My brother has broken his arm.
09. I haven't spoken to her yet this week.
10. She has been to Paris twice and enjoyed both trips.

## Exercise 10: B2 First-Style Key Word Transformations

01. have been learning
02. haven't seen Emma since / have not seen Emma since
03. have never visited / have never been to
04. has gone to
05. has just finished
06. haven't received / have not received
07. the most exciting story
08. has lived in London since
09. haven't finished cleaning / have not finished cleaning
10. the first time I have

## Continue learning

For explanations, examples and further interactive practice, read the full lesson:

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