

Present Perfect in English

Extensive Practice Worksheet for B1-B2 Learners

Level	B1-B2 / B2 First preparation
Grammar focus	Present perfect simple, present perfect continuous, time expressions, past simple contrast
Skills	Accuracy, sentence rewriting, error correction and natural use
Contents	100 practice questions + answer key

Teacher note: This worksheet is designed as downloadable practice for a blog lesson on the present perfect. Learners can complete it independently, or teachers can use selected sections in class. The answer key begins after the practice section.

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.

- I _____ (finish) my homework.
- She _____ (not call) me today.
- _____ you _____ (see) this film before?
- They _____ (move) to a new flat.
- He _____ (not eat) lunch yet.
- We _____ (know) each other for years.
- My parents _____ (buy) a new car.
- _____ Anna _____ (arrive) yet?
- The children _____ (not tidy) their room.
- I _____ (write) three emails this morning.

Exercise 2: Irregular Past Participles

Focus: common irregular verbs used in the present perfect

Write the correct past participle.

- go -> _____
- see -> _____
- write -> _____
- take -> _____
- break -> _____
- choose -> _____
- forget -> _____

8. begin -> _____
 9. speak -> _____
 10. drive -> _____

Exercise 3: Ever, Never and Before

Focus: life experiences and unfinished life time

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. Have you _____ tried Thai food? (ever / never)
2. I have _____ been to Canada. (ever / never)
3. She has visited Rome _____. (before / yet)
4. Have they _____ met your brother? (ever / never)
5. We have _____ eaten in this restaurant before. It is our first time. (ever / never)
6. This is the best cake I have _____ tasted. (ever / never)
7. He has _____ spoken to a native speaker. (ever / never)
8. I have heard this song _____. (before / yet)
9. Has your teacher _____ explained this rule? (ever / never)
10. They have _____ travelled outside Europe. (ever / never)

Exercise 4: Just, Already and Yet

Focus: recent actions, expected actions and completed actions

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. I have _____ finished my essay. I finished it five minutes ago. (just / yet)
2. Have you sent the application _____? (already / yet)
3. She has _____ left, so you missed her. (just / yet)
4. We have _____ booked the tickets. You do not need to do it. (already / yet)
5. They have not replied _____. (already / yet)
6. He has _____ eaten, but he is hungry again. (already / yet)
7. Have the students arrived _____? (just / yet)
8. I have _____ seen that film twice. (already / yet)
9. 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 and starting points

Complete each sentence with for or since.

1. I have lived here _____ 2019.
2. She has worked as a teacher _____ ten years.
3. We have not seen him _____ last Friday.
4. They have been married _____ a long time.
5. He has played the piano _____ he was six.

6. I have not eaten anything _____ breakfast.
7. My sister has studied German _____ three months.
8. We have known each other _____ university.
9. 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 vs went and is still there

Choose the correct option.

1. Choose the correct option: Sarah has been / gone to London twice.
2. Choose the correct option: Tom has been / gone to the bank. He will be back soon.
3. Choose the correct option: Have you ever been / gone to Edinburgh?
4. Choose the correct option: My parents have been / gone out, so the house is quiet.
5. Choose the correct option: I have been / gone to that museum, but I did not like it much.
6. Choose the correct option: Where is Lucy? She has been / gone to the library.
7. Choose the correct option: We have never been / gone to Wales.
8. Choose the correct option: He has been / gone to the dentist and his tooth feels better now.
9. Choose the correct option: They have been / gone to the cinema. They are watching the film now.
10. Choose the correct option: She has been / gone shopping and bought a new coat.

Exercise 7: Present Perfect or Past Simple

Focus: unfinished time, specific finished time and present result

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

1. I _____ (see) him yesterday.
2. I _____ (not see) him today.
3. She _____ (visit) Paris in 2021.
4. She _____ (visit) Paris several times.
5. We _____ (finish) the project last week.
6. We _____ (finish) the project already.
7. They _____ (move) here two years ago.
8. They _____ (live) here for two years.
9. He _____ (break) his phone yesterday, so he cannot call you.
10. This is the first time I _____ (try) this dish.

Exercise 8: Present Perfect Simple or Continuous

Focus: completed result vs activity and duration

Choose the correct form.

1. I _____ three chapters of this book. (read / have been reading)
2. I _____ this book all afternoon. (have read / have been reading)
3. She _____ five emails this morning. (has written / has been writing)

4. She _____ emails since nine o'clock. (has written / has been writing)
5. They _____ the kitchen, so it looks lovely now. (have painted / have been painting)
6. They _____ the kitchen all day and they are exhausted. (have painted / have been painting)
7. How many pages _____ you _____? (have/read / have/been reading)
8. How long _____ you _____ English? (have/studied / have/been studying)
9. He _____ three cups of coffee today. (has drunk / has been drinking)
10. He _____ coffee since breakfast. (has drunk / has been drinking)

Exercise 9: Error Correction

Focus: common mistakes with the present perfect

Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1. I have seen him yesterday.
2. She has went home.
3. We know each other for five years.
4. Have you ever saw a famous person?
5. He has not finished his homework already.
6. They have moved here in 2020.
7. This is the first time I visit Oxford.
8. My brother has break his arm.
9. I did not speak to her this week.
10. She has gone to Paris twice and enjoyed both trips.

Exercise 10: B2 First-Style Sentence Transformations

Focus: present perfect patterns often used in key word transformations

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. I started learning English five years ago.
FOR
I _____ English for five years.
2. The last time I saw Emma was in March.
SINCE
I _____ March.
3. This is my first visit to Scotland.
NEVER
I _____ Scotland before.
4. Tom went to the shop and he is still there.
GONE
Tom _____ the shop.
5. She finished her work a few minutes ago.
JUST
She _____ her work.

6. We have not received an answer.

YET

We _____ an answer.

7. I have never read a more exciting story.

MOST

This is _____ I have ever read.

8. He moved to London in 2018 and he still lives there.

SINCE

He _____ 2018.

9. 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

Exercise 1: Forming the Present Perfect

1. have finished
2. has not / hasn't called
3. Have / seen
4. have moved
5. has not / hasn't eaten
6. have known
7. have bought
8. Has / arrived
9. have not / haven't tidied
10. have written

Exercise 2: Irregular Past Participles

1. gone
2. seen
3. written
4. taken
5. broken
6. chosen
7. forgotten
8. begun
9. spoken
10. driven

Exercise 3: Ever, Never and Before

1. ever
2. never
3. before
4. ever
5. never
6. ever
7. never
8. before
9. ever
10. never

Exercise 4: Just, Already and Yet

1. just
2. yet
3. just
4. already
5. yet
6. already
7. yet
8. already
9. just

10. yet

Exercise 5: For or Since

1. since
2. for
3. since
4. for
5. since
6. since
7. for
8. since
9. for
10. since

Exercise 6: Been or Gone

1. been
2. gone
3. been
4. gone
5. been
6. gone
7. been
8. been
9. gone
10. been

Exercise 7: Present Perfect or Past Simple

1. saw
2. have not / haven't seen
3. visited
4. has visited
5. finished
6. have finished
7. moved
8. have lived
9. broke
10. have tried

Exercise 8: Present Perfect Simple or Continuous

1. have read
2. have been reading
3. has written
4. has been writing
5. have painted
6. have been painting
7. have / read
8. have / been studying
9. has drunk
10. has been drinking

Exercise 9: Error Correction

1. I saw him yesterday.
2. She has gone home.

3. We have known each other for five years.
4. Have you ever seen a famous person?
5. He has not / hasn't finished his homework yet.
6. They moved here in 2020.
7. This is the first time I have visited Oxford.
8. My brother has broken his arm.
9. I have not / haven't spoken to her this week.
10. She has been to Paris twice and enjoyed both trips.

Exercise 10: B2 First-Style Sentence Transformations

1. have been learning
2. have not / haven't seen Emma since
3. have never visited / been to
4. has gone to
5. has just finished
6. have not / haven't received
7. the most exciting story
8. has lived in London since
9. have not / haven't finished cleaning
10. the first time I have

Optional Extension Tasks

- 1. Speaking practice:** Ask and answer five “Have you ever...?” questions with a partner. Try to give extra details using the past simple afterwards.
- 2. Writing practice:** Write a short paragraph about three things you have achieved this year and two things you have not done yet.
- 3. Exam practice:** Choose five answers from Exercise 10 and explain which grammar pattern is being tested.