

# Present Perfect

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# 1 Grammar Notes

**Form:** Have / Has + Past Participle

## A. Function 1

Use the **present perfect** to show a finished past action. The exact time isn't mentioned (because it's unknown or it isn't important).

**Examples:**

- I have been to Paris.
- She has visited the pyramids in Egypt.

What's the difference between the **present perfect** and the **simple past**?

### Present Perfect (Function 1)

The present perfect does **not** show when the action occurred.

..... X .....  
I don't know "when" : .....

**Time Markers:**

No time marker is needed, but for emphasis it is possible to use:

- already
- still
- never
- yet
- ever

**Examples:**

- He has travelled around the world.
- We have sailed down the Nile.

### Simple Past

The simple past shows **when** the action occurred.

..... X .....  
I know "when" : .....

**Time Markers:**

- yesterday
- the day before yesterday
- last
- when (for joining two past sentences)
- ago

**Examples:**

- He travelled around the world last year.
- We sailed down the Nile two weeks ago.

# 1 Grammar Notes cont.

## B. Function 1 cont.

### Note #1

Use **ever** to emphasize at any time in the past. Use it for *positive* sentences and *questions*, or in *negative* sentences with *not*.

- This is the best hotel I have **ever** stayed at.
- Have you **ever** travelled by yourself?
- She hasn't **ever** been to Europe.

### Note #4

Use **yet** when you haven't done something, but you want to or plan to. Use it for *negative* sentences and *questions*.

- I haven't bought my ticket **yet**.
- Have they been to Rome **yet**?

### Note #2

Use **never** to emphasize at no time in the past. *Never* makes the sentence negative.

- He has **never** flown on an airplane.
- I have **never** been to another country.

### Note #5

You can also use **still** when you haven't done something, but you want to or plan to. Use it for *negative* sentences.

- I **still** haven't bought my ticket.
- They **still** haven't been to Rome.

### Note #3

Use **already** to emphasize that an action has happened. Use it for *positive* sentences and *questions*.

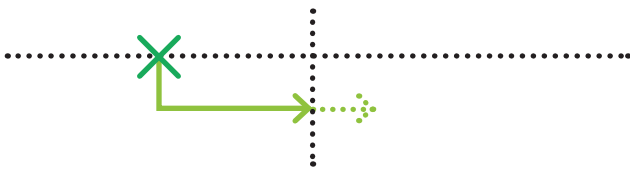
- I have **already** bought my ticket.
- Have they **already** been to Rome?

# 1 Grammar Notes cont.

## C. Function 2

Use the **present perfect** to show an action that started in the past, continues into the present, and may continue into the future.

### Present Perfect (Function 2)



#### Time Markers:

- for
- since

#### Examples:

- We have planned our trip for months.
- I have studied English abroad since 2014.

### Take note!

**For** is used to indicate the *duration* of an action.

**Since** is used to indicate the *starting point* of an action.

The focus of the **present perfect** is on the past to the present. The future isn't really important for this tense. If we need to emphasize that the action will continue into the future, we can use the **present perfect progressive** tense (have / has + been + -ing verb).

- I have been living abroad for five years.  
(I will continue living abroad.)
- She has been travelling through Asia since January.  
(She will continue travelling.)

## 2 Complete the Sentences

Put the verbs in parentheses into the present perfect tense.

Ex Brian has walked on the Great Wall of China.  
(walk)

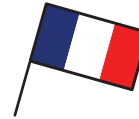


1 She \_\_\_\_\_ up Mount Everest.  
(hike)



2 Jill \_\_\_\_\_ on vacation.  
(go)

3 They \_\_\_\_\_ through France.  
(cycle)



4 Mike \_\_\_\_\_ from Los Angeles to New York.  
(fly)



5 You \_\_\_\_\_ a boat before, haven't you?  
(sail)



6 My friends \_\_\_\_\_ a long way to visit me.  
(travel)



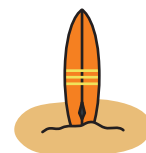
7 We \_\_\_\_\_ across the country.  
(drive)



8 He \_\_\_\_\_ with family all over Europe.  
(visit)



9 My family \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to go to Hawaii next year.  
(buy)



# 3 Speaking & Writing

## A. Speaking

Write questions using **ever**. Then ask your partner these questions, and write short answers.

#	Use These Words	Question	Short Answer
Ex	go / cruise	Have you ever gone on a cruise?	Yes, she has.
1	travel / another country		
2	walk / through the jungle		
3	go / whitewater rafting		
4	fly / across an ocean		
5	travel / across the USA		
6	visit / a temple in Japan		
7	be / Hawaii		
8	live / another country		
9	see / Eiffel Tower		

# 3 Speaking & Writing cont.

## B. Writing

Write a short paragraph about your partner using the information you learned in Part A. Use **never** in some of your sentences.

**Example:**

My partner has travelled across the USA, but she's never been to Hawaii.

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# 4 Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the blanks with **already**, **still**, or **yet**.

When you're finished, read the dialogue out loud with a partner.

**Lisa:** I'm trying to decide where to go on my next vacation.

**Daniel:** Have you been to Venice? I \_\_\_\_\_ haven't been to Italy.  
1.



**Lisa:** No, but I've \_\_\_\_\_ been to Europe, and I want to go to another continent.  
2.

**Daniel:** What about Korea? I've \_\_\_\_\_ been to Seoul, and I loved it.  
3.



**Lisa:** Korea sounds great, but I wanted to do something more adventurous.

**Daniel:** Okay. I haven't been to Nepal \_\_\_\_\_, but I'd love to go hiking there.  
How about Nepal?  
4.

**Lisa:** I've \_\_\_\_\_ been to Nepal. It was amazing!  
5.



**Daniel:** Hmm. Well, how about going on a safari in Africa?

**Lisa:** Good idea! I haven't been on a safari \_\_\_\_\_.  
6.



**Daniel:** Me neither. Let's go together!





# 5 Complete the Story

Fill in the blanks with the verbs in parentheses.  
Choose the simple past or present perfect form of the verb.

## Australia

\_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ to Australia? I \_\_\_\_\_ there  
 1. 1. (be) 2. (go)  
 about five years ago. First, I \_\_\_\_\_ in Sydney. I \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. (stop) 4. (see)  
 the Opera House while I \_\_\_\_\_ there, but I \_\_\_\_\_ across  
 5. (be) 6. (walk, not)  
 the Harbour Bridge yet. I \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ to Brisbane, but  
 7. 7. (be)  
 I still \_\_\_\_\_ to Cairns. I \_\_\_\_\_ from my friend last  
 8. (be, not) 9. (hear)  
 week that Cairns is beautiful. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ of Ayers Rock?  
 10. 10. (hear)  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ there yet because it's pretty far from Sydney.  
 11. (go, not)  
 When I \_\_\_\_\_ in Australia last time, I \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. (be) 13. (travel)  
 up the Gold Coast. I \_\_\_\_\_ to surf in Surfer's paradise.  
 14. (learn)  
 It \_\_\_\_\_ fun! But I \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ parasailing.  
 15. (be) 16. 16. (try)  
 I'll have a lot to do in Australia when I go there again one day!



# 6 Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with **for** or **since**.

- 1 Have you lived here \_\_\_\_\_ many years?
- 2 He has thought about going to Africa \_\_\_\_\_ July 2012.
- 3 My parents have been in California \_\_\_\_\_ two months.
- 4 Marco has dreamed about going to Brazil \_\_\_\_\_ he was a child.
- 5 She hasn't been to Mexico \_\_\_\_\_ she was six years old.
- 6 Julia has wanted to travel to China \_\_\_\_\_ she saw a TV show about it.
- 7 I have travelled all over the world \_\_\_\_\_ the past eight months.
- 8 We have camped all over this island \_\_\_\_\_ the beginning of the year.

**Note:**

**For:** duration (how long)

**Since:** starting point



# 7 Travel Dreams

Where in the world do you want to go? What is your dream vacation? Write 10 sentences about the places you've always wanted to see. Use the present perfect form of the verbs in the box with **for** or **since**. Start your sentences with:

- I've wanted + infinitive verb (to + base verb) **or**
- I've dreamed about + gerund (-ing verb)

**Verbs:**

- go
- travel
- visit
- see

**Ex** I've wanted to go to Spain since I was a child.

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**Ex** For the past five years, I've dreamed about going to Hawaii. I'm still saving my money.

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Now share your travel dreams with a partner or group.

# 8 Quiz

Choose the best answer for each sentence.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ to Europe?  
 a) Have you being  
 b) Did you go  
 c) Have you ever been  
 d) Did you ever been
- 2 My classmate has been on holidays \_\_\_\_\_ two months.  
 a) since  
 b) still  
 c) already  
 d) for
- 3 They \_\_\_\_\_ to another country.  
 a) have never been  
 b) have been never  
 c) haven't never been  
 d) haven't been never
- 4 She \_\_\_\_\_ on her vacation.  
 a) already has left  
 b) has already left  
 c) already have left  
 d) have already left
- 5 Dave \_\_\_\_\_ been to Fiji yet, but he plans to go next month.  
 a) hasn't be  
 b) has been  
 c) has be  
 d) hasn't been
- 6 Tammy \_\_\_\_\_ in Indonesia for six months.  
 a) has lived yet  
 b) has ever lived  
 c) has lived  
 d) has still lived
- 7 We \_\_\_\_\_ on an airplane.  
 a) still haven't flown  
 b) haven't still flown  
 c) haven't flown still  
 d) haven't flown yet
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ to New York last year?  
 a) Have you go  
 b) Did you went  
 c) Did you go  
 d) Have you gone
- 9 Ever since I was a child, I \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Machu Picchu.  
 a) wanted  
 b) didn't want  
 c) have wanted  
 d) have ever wanted
- 10 Two years ago, I \_\_\_\_\_ my friend in California.  
 a) have visited  
 b) visited  
 c) have already visited  
 d) still haven't visited

# 9 Class Survey

Create your own travel survey. Write your questions below, then ask your classmates your questions, and write their answers in the chart. Try to use **ever, never, already, still, yet, the present perfect, and the simple past** as often as possible in your questions and answers.

#	Question	Answer
1	Have you been to Thailand yet?	
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