

PRESENT PERFECT

Task1. Complete the following table with sentences that indicate the functions below

I have lived in Bristol since 1984 (= and I still do.)
They haven't lived here for years.
She has worked in the bank for five years.
We have had the same car for ten years.
Have you played the piano since you were a child?

She has been to the cinema twice this week
I have worked hard this week.
It has rained a lot this year.
We haven't seen her today.

We have visited Portugal several times
They have seen that film six times.
It has happened several times already.
She has visited them frequently.
We have eaten at that restaurant many times.

I have just finished my work.
Have you just finished work?
I have just eaten.
We have just seen her.
Has he just left?

He has read 'War and Peace'. (The **result** of his reading is important)
Someone has eaten my soup!
Have you seen 'Gone with the Wind'?
She's studied Japanese, Russian and English.

An action when the time is not important	An action or situation that started in the past and continues in the present	An action performed during a period that has not yet finished	A repeated action in an unspecified period between the past and now	An action that was completed in the very recent past	Time markers

Task 2. In pairs, deduce the rules of the present perfect

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Task 3. Select the affirmative sentences and turn them into the interrogative form and the negative form, paying attention to their structure. Then, in the third column, diagnose whether the verb used in these sentences is auxiliary or not. Complete the chart below:

Affirmative sentence	Interrogative sentence	Negative sentence	Structure of the interrogative and negative forms
We have visited Portugal many times	Have we visited ...? Haven't we visited..?	We have not visited Portugal	

Task4. Read the sentences, then identify the uses of the adverbs, their meaning, and their place within the sentences

	Uses of the adverbs "ever" and "never"	Place and Meaning	Your examples
Have you ever visited Berlin Have you ever been to England Has she ever met the Prime Minister			
Nobody has ever said that to me before Nothing like this has ever happened to us.			
It's the first time (that) I've ever eaten snails. This is the first time I've ever been to England.			
I have never visited Berlin			
I have never been to Italy			

Task5. Read the sentences/questions, then identify the uses of “already” and “yet”, their meaning, and their place within the sentences

	Uses of already and yet	Meaning and place	Your examples
I've already drunk three coffees this morning Don't write to John, I've already done it Have you already written to John? Has she finished her homework already? I have already been to Tokyo. I have been to Tokyo already			
Have you met Judy yet? I haven't visited the Tate Gallery yet. Has he arrived yet? They haven't eaten yet			

Task6. Read the sentences, then identify the uses of “for” and “since”, their meaning, and their place within the sentences

	Meaning of “for” and “since”	Your examples
I have worked here for five years She has lived here for twenty years. We have taught at this school for a long time. Alice has been married for three months. They have been at the hotel for a week		
I have worked here since 1990 She has lived here since 1980. We have taught at this school since 1965. Alice has been married since March 2nd. They have been at the hotel since last Tuesday		

PRESENT PERFECT OR SIMPLE PAST?

Task7. Compare the sentences below, then deduce the difference between the past and the present perfect.

I have lived in Lyon. They have eaten Thai food. Have you seen 'Othello'?. We have been to Ireland.

I lived in Lyon in 1989. They ate Thai food last night. Where did you see 'Othello'? When did you go to Ireland?

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE AND PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

1. Read the sentences and fill in the table

Sentences	Complete	Over time
Mike has repaired the car		
We have finished our tour of Scotland		
A strong wind has been blowing all day		
I have been writing an essay		
Rachel has been playing music all day		
Rachel has played at least twenty CDs		
How many driving lessons have you had		
How long have you been learning		

Please note:

I have been living here since 1992.

I have lived here since 1992

I have been working here for 3 years

I have worked here for 3 years

PRACTICE

1 I have been doing or I have done? (A)

Look at these conversations and put in the correct form of the verb. Use the present perfect continuous or simple.

► Sarah: I feel really tired.

Mark: It's because *you've been doing* (you / do) too much.

Sarah: Well, at least *I've finished* (I / finish) that report now, and I can relax.

1 David: Someone (leave) the ladder outside, look.

Harriet: I expect that's Mike. (he / clean) the windows. I don't think (he / finish) yet.

2 Laura: You've got mud on your shoes.

Trevor: It's all right, I'll take them off..... (I / work) in the garden.

Laura: Yes, it looks a lot tidier. Well done (you / do) a good job.

3 Tom: (I / hear) that you and Harriet are building a garage.

How long (you / do) that?

Mike: Oh, for about a month now. (we / do) about half of it.

2 I have been doing or I have done? (A)

What would you ask in these situations? Use the present perfect continuous or simple.

? Your friend is wearing glasses. You've never seen him with glasses on before. Ask him how long ...

How long have you been wearing glasses ?

? Nick is playing computer games. Ask him how many ...

How many computer games have you played ?

1 You meet a group of people walking across country. Ask them how many miles ...

2 Some workmen are digging up the road outside Sarah's house. Ask her how long ...

3 Laura is taking lots of photos of you and your friends. Ask her how many ...

4 You have just woken up from an afternoon sleep and seen that it is raining. Ask your friend how long ...

3 I have been doing or I have done? (A-B)

Complete the conversation. Put the verbs in the present perfect continuous or simple.

Laura: What are you doing, Trevor? (►) *You've been* (you / be) in here for ages. You're making an awful mess.

Trevor: (1) (I / clear) out this cupboard most of the afternoon. There's a lot of old stuff in here. (2) (I / find) these, look.

Iaura: (3) (you / sit) there staring at those old boots for the last five minutes. (4) (I / watch) you.
(5) (you / be) in a dream.

Trevor: They're football boots. (6) (I / have) them since I was about sixteen. (7) (they / be) in here for years.

Laura: Well, throw them away. And what about that tennis racket? Is that yours?

Trevor: No, it must be yours. (8) (I / never / have) a tennis racket.

4. Use the present perfect tense or the present perfect continuous.

1. I'm tired. We (walk) for over an hour. Let's stop and rest for a while.
2. The zoo isn't far from here. I (walk) there many times.
3. I (write) my friends at least a dozen letters since I left home and come home.
4. Sally is writing a letter to her boyfriend. She (write) it since she got home from class. It's going to be a long letter.
5. The telephone (ring) four times in the last hour, and each time it has been for my roommate.
6. The telephone (ring) for almost a minute. Why doesn't someone answer it?
7. She is 80 and she (never / read) a book in her life.
8. The secretary is very tired. She (type) all morning.
9. Tom is reading a book. He started two hours ago and he is on page 53. He (read) for two hours.
10. Hello! I (clean) the windows. So far I (clean) five of them and there are two more to do.
11. My grandfather (died) 30 years ago. I (never / meet) him.
12. A: Is your father at home?
B: No, I'm afraid he (go) out.
A: When exactly (he / go) out?
B: About ten minutes ago.

5. Use the simple past or the present perfect tense to fill in the blanks.

1. The young man (never / be) to Paris, but he
(read) a book about this city last year.
 2. you (decide) where to go yet?
 3. A: Have some tea, please.
B: No, thank you. I (just / have) two cups of tea.
 4. Susan (do) her homework before 10 o'clock but Jane
..... (not / write) a word until now.
 5. Her mother (buy) her a pair of new shoes yesterday.
 6. The Prime Minister (leave) for the USA an hour ago.
 7. A: the plane (land)?
B: Yes, it (land) ten minutes ago.
 8. It (not / rain) for a long time.
 9. you (see) my dog? It (run away)
this morning.
 10. We (meet) at a party a long time ago, but I
(not / see) her since then.
 11. I (see) an interesting book in a bookshop yesterday, but I
..... (not / buy) it.
 12. My friend (fall) from the bicycle because he
(not / ride) one for ages.
 13. His father (die) in 1970, but he
(never / visit) his father's grave since that time.
 14. They (go) to America years ago, but none of them
(come) back since then.
 15. A: you (speak) to an Englishman?
B: Yes, I (have) a short conversation with one last night.
 16. A: you ever (be) to Tatilya?
B: Yes, I (go) there two years ago.
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