

Grammar Booster

Present Perfect



Welcome: Why This Tense?

Today, we'll learn how to talk about things that are **connected to now**, not just finished.

The **Present Perfect** connects:

- Something that **happened in the past**
- ...but has meaning **now**

Today, you will learn:

- How to say what you **have done**
- How to talk about **experiences** and **recent news**
- How to form questions and answers clearly

Grammar Rule: Present Perfect

Structure:

- **Subject + have/has + past participle**

Past participle = 3rd verb form:

go → went → **gone**

eat → ate → **eaten**

live → lived → **lived**

Examples:

- “I have visited Paris.”
- “She has eaten sushi.”

Subject	Verb example
I / You / We / They	have seen / have eaten
He / She / It	has gone / has finished

Task: Tutor says → student repeats with correct form

When Do We Use Present Perfect?

We use Present Perfect when:

- The **time is not specific**
- You talk about **life experience**
- Something **just happened**
- You want to say, "**how long**" (with “for” or “since”)

Examples:

- “I have never flown in a plane.”
- “We have just started the lesson.”
- “She has lived here for 3 years.”

Task: Student practises creating examples of each use, with tutor support

Common Words Used With Present Perfect

Time expressions:

Word	Meaning
just	a short time ago
already	before now, earlier than expected
yet	until now (used in questions & negatives)
ever	at any time (in your life)
never	at no time (in your life)
for	duration (“for 2 years”)
since	from a point in time (“since 2020”)

Task: Tutor creates a sentence for each word → student repeats

Example: “I’ve just eaten.” / “Have you ever been to Italy?” / “I haven’t done it yet.”



Pronunciation Practice: Contracted Form

Spoken form is usually **contracted**:

Full	Spoken
I have seen	I've seen
She has been	She's been
We have gone	We've gone

Task: Tutor says full sentence, then fast spoken version:

Example:

“I have never eaten that.” → “I’ve never eaten that.”

“He has already arrived.” → “He’s already arrived.”

Student mirrors each one

Speaking Activity: Life Experience

Task: Tutor asks:

“Have you ever...”

- “...eaten something strange?”
- “...met a famous person?”
- “...travelled to another country?”
- “...forgotten someone’s name?”

Student replies:

Examples:

“Yes, I have.” / “No, I haven’t.”

“I’ve eaten octopus!” / “I’ve never travelled.”

Tip: Encourages real conversation



Past Simple vs Present Perfect

Past Simple = when + finished

Present Perfect = no time + still connected to now

Present Perfect	Past Simple
"I've seen that film."	"I saw it last week."
"He has left."	"He left 5 minutes ago."
"We've already eaten."	"We ate at 7pm."

Task: Tutor gives idea → student says both forms

Example: *buy shoes / visit London / meet a famous person.*

Roleplay: Work or Personal Life

Situation: Imagine you're in a meeting / with a friend

Tutor: "Have you finished the report?"

Student: Examples:

"Yes, I've just sent it."

"I haven't done it yet."

Tutor: "Have you ever given a presentation?"

Student: Examples:

"No, I've never done that before."

"Yes, I've done one last year."

Task: Use a mix of real situations to create 2 more dialogues



Review & Speaking Challenge

Well done! Today, you learned:

- **Present Perfect** = have/has + past participle
- Used for **experience, recent news, unspecified time**
- Words: just / already / yet / ever / never
- How to answer naturally in conversation

Final task:

Discuss:

3 things you've done in your life.

Now ask your tutor one question with 'Have you ever...?'