

THE PRESENT PERFECT: QUICK REFERENCE

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When do we use the present perfect	Examples
To describe an <u>action</u> or <u>event</u> that has <u>finished</u> but that we <u>do not know exactly when</u>	I've been to America
To describe a <u>recently finished action</u> or <u>event</u>	They've just won the lottery!
To describe an <u>unfinished action</u> or <u>event</u>	She's gone to the bank (but she hasn't come back yet)

Vocabulary often used with the present perfect	Examples
Already, just, yet	They've just caught the train
For, since	She's lived in France for over ten years
Ever, never	Have you ever visited China? No, never
This morning/afternoon/evening/week/month/year	We've already eaten out three times this month
Today	I've been here since 9 am today
Recently, up to now	He's received two thirds of the payment up to now

Verb Formation

The present perfect is formed with the **auxiliary verb** 'have' and the **past participle**:

Regular Verb Formation

	+	-	?
I	have worked	haven't worked	Have I worked?
You	have worked	haven't worked	Have you worked?
He/she/it	has worked	hasn't worked	has he/she/it worked?
We	have worked	haven't worked	have we worked?
They	have worked	haven't worked	have they worked?

There are three types of pronunciation for past participles ending in "ed":

"t"	"d"	"id"
discussed hoped liked talked	complained learned moved received	divided invited reminded waited

Irregular Verb Formation

	+	-	?
I	have taken	haven't taken	Have I taken?
You	have taken	haven't taken	Have you taken?
He/she/it	has taken	hasn't taken	has he/she/it taken?
We	have taken	haven't taken	have we taken?
They	have taken	haven't taken	have they taken?

There are many irregular verbs in English. Here are some of the more frequently used ones:

Infinitive	Past participles	Examples
become	become	It's become really dark outside
bring	brought	We've brought some delicious strawberries for the picnic!
choose	chosen	We've chosen the new bathroom suite
drive	driven	He's never driven a truck before
find	found	How have you found the first year at university?
fly	flown	We've just flown into the airport
get	got	She's got everything she could possibly want
hurt	hurt	Ouch! I've hurt my foot!
learn	learnt	She hasn't learnt her poem off by heart yet this week
meet	met	They've met each other somewhere before I believe
pay	paid	Look at your account. You've just been paid.
ring	rung	I haven't rung home yet this month
see	seen	They've already seen the latest James Bond film
send	sent	No he hasn't sent the email yet
shut	shut	She's shut the window so it should be less noisy now