

# *The Present Perfect Tense*

*Form and use*





*The plane has landed safely.*



*They have graduated. Congratulations!*



*Federer has lost the semifinal match in Melbourne .*



*Novak has won the Australian Open for the second time.*

# Introduction

- ❖ *The present perfect tells us about the past and the present.*



## *have/has + past participle*

### ❖ POSITIVE

- I/you/we/they *have gone*. OR I/you/we/they've gone.
- He/she/it *has gone*. OR He/she/it's gone.

### ❖ NEGATIVE

- I/you/we/they *haven't gone*.
- He/she/it *hasn't gone*.

# Form

## ❖ INTERROGATIVE

- *Have* I/you/we/they *gone*?
- *Has* he/she/it *gone*?

## ❖ SHORT ANSWERS

- Yes, I *have*. **OR** No, I *haven't*.
- Yes, he *has*. **OR** No, he *hasn't*.



# Use

- ❖ *When we use the present perfect, we see things as happening in the past but having a result in the present.*



# Use

- ❖ We use the present perfect with **today** and phrases with **this**, e.g. **this morning, this week, this year**.

*We've done quite  
a good job today.*



# Use

❖ *When we ask / talk about our experience*



*Have you  
ever been to  
London?*

*No, I  
haven't. And  
you?*



# Use

- With *lately* and *recently* meaning “in the last few days/weeks”

*Have I told  
you lately that  
I love you?*



# Use

❖ With **just** to express the action finished a short time ago



*We've just come back from our holiday.*

# Use

❖ With **already** meaning “sooner than expected”



# Use

- ❖ With **yet** in negative sentences and questions when we expect something to happen

*Sorry, Nick, I haven't finished the homework yet.*



# Use

❖ We can use the present perfect with **for** and **since**.

We use **for** to say how long this period is (for three days). We use **since** to say when the period began (since Friday).

Thanks,  
darling. I  
haven't eaten  
anything for  
three days.



Me, too. I haven't  
grabbed a bite since  
Friday.



# Practice

- *Trevor and Laura are decorating their house. Put in the verbs. Use the present perfect.*
- *Laura: How is the painting going? (►) Have you finished? (you / finish)*
- *Trevor: No, I haven't. Painting the ceiling is really difficult, you know. (1) ..... (I / not / do) very much. And it looks just the same as before. This new paint (2) ..... (not / make) any difference.*
- *Laura: (3) ..... (you / not / put) enough on.*
- *Trevor: (4) ..... (I / hurt) my back. It feels bad.*
- *Laura: Oh, you and your back. You mean (5) ..... (you / have) enough of decorating. Well, I'll do it. Where (6) ..... (you / put) the brush?*
- *Trevor: I don't know. (7) ..... (i t / disappear).*

8)..... (I / look) for it, but I can't find it.

- **Laura:** You're hopeless, aren't you? How much (9)..... (you / do) in here?

Nothing! (10)..... (I / paint) two doors.

- **Trevor:** (11)..... (I / clean) all this old paint around the window. It looks much better now, doesn't it?

- **Laura:** (12)..... (we / make) some progress, I suppose.

Now, where (13)..... (that brush / go)? Oh, (14).....  
(you / leave) it on the ladder, look,