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Настоящее совершенное время

➤ We use the present perfect tense when we talk about time that continues from the past until now.

➤ The action in the past has a result now.

The team was very sad. It has lost this competition.

Are you thirsty ? No, I have just drunk orange juice.

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The Present Perfect Tense is
have/has + past participle (washed/done)

I, we, they, you	have (= `ve)	V3/ed
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He, she, it	has (= `s)	V3/ed
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You can use the Present Perfect Tense with these helping words: just, already, ever, yet, lately, recently, today, this year, this evening, so far, in the last few days, since breakfast.

I, we, you, they + have + helping words + V3/ed

He, she, it + has + helping words + V3/ed

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I		already	
We	have	just	cleaned
They		ever	written
You		never	

He	has	finished gone	today
She			lately
It			recently
			this morning

Negative sentences

I _____

We _____ been

They + have + not + _____

You _____ won

He _____ forgotten

She + has + not + _____ + helping

It _____ sent _____ words

➤ The Present Perfect is a present tense. It tells us about the situation now. The result is very important. We can use the Present Perfect to give new or recent information.

Billy has forgotten his ticket. He can't go to the theatre.

➤ The Past Simple tells us only about the past. If we continue to talk about new and recent information we normally use the Past Simple Tense. You can use the Past Simple tense for a finished time in the past with yesterday, last week, when I was a child, in 2009, five minutes ago.

Billy forgot his ticket yesterday. He couldn't go to the theatre.

Remember

➤ Use lately and just only in the Present Perfect

➤ You can use the Past Simple with just now and recently = not long ago

When did you arrive ?

What time did she finish her work ?

Remember

➤ Use the Present Perfect instead of the Future Perfect with the conjunctions after, when, as soon as, until (till), if, before...

I shall go for a walk as soon as I have done my homework.

Я пойду гулять, как только сделаю домашнюю работу.

Remember

➤ Some verbs (be, have, see, hear, know, like, love, want, understand, hate, remember, believe, own, possess...) + since or for are normally used in the Present Perfect tense

How long have they known each other?

Сколько лет они знают друг друга?