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I **have caught** a fish before.



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There is glass on the floor because I **have broken** a cup.

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She **has lived** in this house for two years.



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George **has just fainted!**



Present Perfect Tense: Summary

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The present perfect tense is used for:

- ◆ Actions that happened in the past, but we don't say when
 - I **have caught** a fish before.
- ◆ Actions which happened in the past, but the results are clear now
 - There is glass on the floor because I **have broken** a cup.
- ◆ Actions which started in the past and continue to the present
 - She **has lived** in this house for two years.
- ◆ For an action which finished a short time ago
 - George **has just fainted!**

Present Perfect Tenses: Key Words

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ever	never	just
since	for	once/twice/...times
already	yet	till now
recently	lately	
almost	so far	

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Subject + **has/have** + **past participle**
 Jane has finished.

With many verbs, the past participle is the same as the verb in the past tense:

Infinitive	Past Tense	Past Participle
look	looked	looked
try	tried	tried
love	loved	loved
stop	stopped	stopped

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Irregular Verbs

Some irregular past participles are the same as the infinitive:

Infinitive	Past Tense	Past Participle
become	became	become
come	came	come
run	ran	run

Some irregular past participles have a different vowel to the past tense:

Infinitive	Past Tense	Past Participle
drink	drank	drunk
sing	sang	sung

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Irregular Verbs

Many irregular past participles end in -n or -ne:

Infinitive	Past Tense	Past Participle	Infinitive	Past Tense	Past Participle
be	was/were	been	go	went	gone
break	broke	broken	know	knew	known
choose	chose	chosen	see	saw	seen
do	did	done	speak	spoke	spoken
eat	ate	eaten	steal	stole	stolen
fall	fell	fallen	take	took	taken
forget	forgot	forgotten	throw	threw	thrown
give	gave	given	write	wrote	written

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Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I have asked.	I have not/haven't asked.	Have I asked?
You have asked.	You have not/haven't asked.	Have you asked?
He/She/It has asked.	She has not/hasn't asked.	Has she asked?
We have asked.	We have not/haven't asked.	Have we asked?
They have asked.	They have not/haven't asked.	Have they asked?

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I, you, we, they He, she, it	have + past participle has + past participle
I have → I've You have → You've He has → He's She has → She's It has → It's We have → we've They have → They've	I've done the work. You've done the work. He's done the work. She's done the work. It's done the work. We've done the work. They've done the work.

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To make the negative form

I have written a play.	→	I have not written a play.	→	I haven't written a play.
You have written a play.	→	You have not written a play.	→	You haven't written a play.
He has written a play.	→	He has not written a play.	→	He hasn't written a play.
She has written a play.	→	She has not written a play.	→	She hasn't written a play.
It have written a play.	→	It have not written a play.	→	It hasn't written a play.
We have written a play.	→	We have not written a play.	→	We haven't written a play.
They have written a play.	→	They have not written a play.	→	They haven't written a play.

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Fill in the blanks in the sentences using the present perfect form of the word in brackets.

- My parents _____ (never let) me stay out late.
- We're hungry because we _____ (not eat) yet.
- I _____ (promise) Lucy that I will meet her after school.
- The floor is wet because Tom _____ (spill) some water.
- I _____ (have) violin lessons since I was five years old.
- You _____ (just stand) on my foot!
- The room is messy because Tom _____ (not clean) it.

Test your learning 2

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Fill in the gaps in the following sentences using the correct verb from the box in the present perfect tense.

prepare	never break	fall	see	brush	not find
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- I _____ this film three times.
- She _____ carefully for her speech.
- They _____ their lost dog yet.
- My sister _____ a bone.
- His mouth is bleeding because his tooth _____ out.
- We _____ our teeth twice today.

Test your learning 3

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Read the following dialogue and fill in the blanks using the words in the box.

already	just	ever	yet
almost	since	for	never

Teacher: Have you prepared your speech 1. _____?

Terrie: Yes, I have prepared it 2. _____. I have 3. _____ practised it, but it didn't go very well. I'm not very good at speaking in public.

Teacher: Have you 4. _____ spoken in public before?

Terrie: No, I have 5. _____ done a speech like this in front of lots of people.

Teacher: Well, I have been a teacher 6. _____ many years, and doing speeches still makes me nervous sometimes.

Terry: That makes me feel better. I have been nervous about speaking 7. _____ I was very young.

Teacher: I'm sure you'll be fine. Practise it again. You have 8. _____ run out of time!