

## Grammar & Language Practice: Present perfect (из учебника *English Basic*)

После краткого объяснения, что такое настоящее совершенное время, разбирается таблица с правилами и формами этого времени. Почему моих учеников образование этого сложного времени не пугает? – Потому что я позволила себе нарушить традиционную очередность введения грамматических форм. Во всех без исключения учебниках Present Perfect вводится в конце уровня A1, а Passive Voice в конце A2. Это при том, что страдательный залог намного легче, т.к. есть аналог в русском языке и не надо мучительно думать, почему «минуту назад» это прошедшее, а «только что» настоящее.

Поэтому, когда мы приступаем к разбору настоящего совершенного времени, ученики уже знают, что такое 3-я форма глагола. Одной трудностью меньше!

### 1 Study the rules.

**Rule 1:** The *present perfect tense* is formed with the auxiliary verb have/has and past participle.

**Rule 2:** We use the *present perfect tense* to speak about:

a) a past action having a clear result E.g. I have already finished the report.

b) experience E.g. She has travelled a lot. I've never been to Italy.

c) unfinished past E.g. I've known my friend for 18 years. We haven't met since 2018.

**Rule 3:** The time is not specified. E.g. He hasn't taken part in any competitions recently.

### 2 Study the table.

<i>Affirmative sentences</i>	<i>Negative sentences</i>	<i>Interrogative sentences</i>	<i>Signal words</i>
-I've just <b>bought</b> a motor bike. -My son <b>has changed</b> 5 mobile phones so far. -She <b>has</b> already <b>left</b> .	-I <b>haven't bought</b> a new car yet. -She <b>hasn't changed</b> over the years. -He <b>hasn't left</b> yet.	- <b>Have</b> you <b>bought</b> a new car? - <b>Has</b> he <b>changed</b> his decision yet? - <b>Have</b> they already <b>left</b> ?	already; ever; never; recently; lately; for 3 days; over the past 10 years; just; yet; since; many times; so far; etc

Это «механическое» задание мы делаем всегда, слушателям не надо «выдумывать», что сказать, а только изменять форму предложенного высказывания.

### 3 Make the affirmative sentences negative and interrogative. Make necessary changes.

E.g. I've worn a tuxedo several times. – I've never worn a tuxedo. Have you ever worn a tuxedo?

I've bought a dress recently. – I haven't bought anything since last month. Have you bought any new clothes recently?

1. I've written about our expedition in my blog.
2. I've just uploaded MySpace Mobile application.
3. I've tried 5 new kinds of chocolate cake this week.
4. I've found £50 in the pocket of my old jeans!
5. We have sold our old car at last.

Усложняем задачу: теперь надо изменить предложение «под себя». Упражнение можно разделить на 2 этапа: сначала просто употребить глагол в правильной форме и обязательно записать, а потом изменить либо утвердительную форму на отрицательную, либо заменить сигнальные слова.

### 4A a) Use proper forms of the present perfect. Refer to the list of irregular verbs.

b) Change the signal words and some details if necessary to make the sentences true for you.

1. I (not have) a holiday for 2 years!
2. My boss just (give) me a new task.

3. I never (be) to any Asian country.
4. I (see) a very interesting film this week.
5. I (not call) my parents since Monday.
6. I (know) my best friend for 10 years.
7. My town (change) a lot over the past 5 years.
8. My cat (catch) 3 mice today!
9. My husband is an architect; he (design) 21 buildings so far.

Теперь надо показать, как в ситуациях реального общения используется это время. Звучат одни и те же вопросы, причем такие, которые часто задаются в частной беседе или на интервью. **На сайте выложены все записи, если захотите, можете найти и скачать трек (CD2 Recording 24)**

**4B (Recording 24)** Listen to some people speaking about their experiences and mark what they have or haven't done. The first line has been done for you.

Questions	Speaker 1	Speaker 2	Speaker 3	Speaker 4
Have you ever done anything extraordinary?	-	-	-	+
Have you ever had a great idea?				
Have you ever lost an important thing/document?				
Have you ever made a serious mistake?				

Теперь ученикам надо ответить на вопросы в Present Perfect. Пока кратко, только сказать, что они делали или не делали в своей жизни. К сожалению, если им захочется добавить, что они делали что-то месяц назад, будут неизбежные ошибки, т.к. сопоставление Past Simple и Present Perfect – это следующий этап. Поэтому лучше перед выполнением задания сказать ученикам что сегодня мы только скажем, было ли это в нашей жизни, а в следующий раз поговорим об этом более подробно. Слушаем песню и заполняем ответы.

**4C (Recording 25)** Listen to the song and complete the lines.

1. I've \_\_\_\_\_ been to Athens.
2. I've only \_\_\_\_\_ the Pyramids in picture books.
3. I've never sailed across the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I've \_\_\_\_\_ spent my holidays in Brighton.
5. I've never eaten foreign \_\_\_\_\_ or drunk in a \_\_\_\_\_ bar.
6. I've never \_\_\_\_\_ a foreign girl or driven a foreign \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I've never \_\_\_\_\_ to find my way in a country I don't know.
8. I've always known \_\_\_\_\_ I am.
9. I've \_\_\_\_\_ travel books.
10. I've heard \_\_\_\_\_ telling stories about adventures.
11. I've \_\_\_\_\_ TV documentaries.
12. I've \_\_\_\_\_ several languages. I've learnt lots of \_\_\_\_\_ sentences.

Теперь, когда перед глазами ответы, предлагаем ученикам рассказать о своем опыте.

**4D** Say what you *have (already) done* and what you *haven't done/have never done*.

Последнее задания первого урока – введения нового времени, задать вопрос партнеру и передать его ответ, заменив 'have' на 'has'.

- 4E a)** Ask your partner if he/she has done something. E.g. Have you ever ridden a motorbike?  
**b)** Speak about your partner's experiences. E.g. He/she has been to ... but hasn't been to...

Из опыта работы, введение и первичное закрепление Present Perfect занимает 45 минут, что, конечно, не подходит детям, но хорошо воспринимается взрослой аудиторией.

Предлагаю несколько упражнений на дальнейшую отработку Present Perfect из разных юнитов учебника и рабочей тетради *English Basic*.

**Ex. 1** Complete the sentences below with indefinite time adverbs so that the statements are true for you. Use: *just, never, already, since (2018, last summer), for (5 years), over the past (6 months), yet, recently/lately, so far, this (week, semester), many/several times*. The first line has been done for you.

1. I've tried several jobs since graduation.
2. I've \_\_\_\_\_ returned from my holiday.
3. I've \_\_\_\_\_ been to the USA.
4. I've moved house \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. I've known my English teacher \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. I haven't drunk alcohol \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. I haven't seen any interesting films \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. My friend has changed a lot \_\_\_\_\_ .
9. I haven't written anything by hand \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. My parents have \_\_\_\_\_ supported me.
11. I've had my mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_ .
12. I've \_\_\_\_\_ lied to my boyfriend/girlfriend.
13. I haven't done anything extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. I've flown with the same airline \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Ex. 2 a)** Read the texts. Use proper forms of the present perfect tense.

**b)** Guess what each person does.

**A**

I always (live) in the world of competition where you can't get stuck in a rut. I always (dream) about becoming famous and rich and being the centre of attention. What I (do) in my life? Not much. I (hit) some charts. I (make) a lot of money and (spend) it on silly things. I (take) drugs and (fail) three marriages. I (lose) my close friends. I (win) a few awards but I realise now that I (not create) anything worth mentioning.

**B**

I always (be) excellent at maths and IT. I never (try) writing programmes. I prefer finding mistakes in other IT specialists' programmes. I can easily encode or decode any information. I (not learn) much about security systems, I just (test) them by myself. I never (be) afraid of doing illegal things but I also (be) very helpful many times. My work is fun! I enjoy feeling that I'm smarter than any extended security or military intelligence.

**C**

People (need) my services since times immemorial. Don't take me wrong! I'm no street walker! Who (teach) you to walk, speak, eat, read, write, and do sums and some useful skills? Who always (try) to talk some sense into you? Whose job never ends? Whose job is the most important one, stressful and rewarding at the same time? Who is hardly ever paid for their work?

**D**

Some people say that I'm a fraud, but I never (do) anything illegal. I always (be) interested in psychology, especially in people's dreams, wishes and fears. And I always (like) esoteric and mysterious things. Most people like listening to me and they trust me and often say that I (be) helpful in many ways. I'm attentive and sharp; I can see through people, guess about their past and forecast their future.

**2B** Make up a similar description of a job or occupation and present it to the class.

**Ex. 3** Read the examples in the table and underline the signal words and expressions. In some cases, there are no signal words but the context is suggestive. Some lines have been done for you.

<i>The Past Simple</i>	<i>The Present Perfect</i>
I bought this dictionary <u>yesterday</u> .	I've <u>already</u> bought a new dictionary.
He left an hour ago.	He has just left.
He was our teacher last semester.	He has been our teacher since last semester.
I didn't eat anything <u>in the morning</u> .	I haven't eaten anything today.
When were you first to London?	Have you ever been to London?
Where did you find the keys?	Have you found the keys yet?
We were quite good friends at school.	We've been good friends for many years.
When did you last read a good book?	Have you read anything interesting recently?
She made 70 films <u>before her career was over</u> .	She has made 20 films so far.
Did you see Anna last week?	Have you seen Anna lately?
" <u>Once</u> I had a girl." ( <i>The Beatles</i> )	"I've been in love <u>so many times</u> ." ( <i>Tom Jones</i> )
Mum, <u>what</u> did you buy for me?	Mum, <u>have you bought anything for me?</u>
They didn't meet <u>in Rome then</u> .	They've <u>never</u> met.
<u>Last week</u> was very busy.	<u>This week</u> has been very busy.
They worked in Peru? How long did they live there?	<u>How long</u> have you lived in this house?

**Ex. 4 a)** Underline the correct alternative in the following sentences. **b)** Answer the questions.

How long *have you had/did you have* this mobile phone?

*Did you ever pick/Have you ever picked* up a stray animal?

Where *have you spent/did you spend* your holiday?

Why *did you decide/have you decided* to study English?

When *have you first travelled/did you first travel* on your own?

What *have you cooked/did you cook* for dinner?

*Did you see/Have you seen* any good films recently?

*Have you heard/Did you hear* from your school friends lately?

How many times *have you been/were you* late for work this week?

**Ex. 5 a)** Use proper forms of the past simple or the present perfect.

**b)** Change the signal words and some details if necessary to make the sentences true for you.

- I (graduate) from university in 2017.
- I never (try) any exotic food.
- As a child, I (not eat) mushrooms.
- I've been to 13 countries so far.
- I last (do) an IQ test 5 years ago.
- My cat (put) on weight this year.
- My daughter (not start) school yet.
- I (change) my hair style recently.
- I (not see) my classmates since I finished school.
- Once, I (get) lost in an unknown town. It (be) awful!
- I (not have) a holiday last summer.
- My car just (break) down!

**Ex. 6** Use proper forms of the past simple or the present perfect tense.

1. - \_\_\_\_\_ you ever (work) in the advertising industry? – No, I \_\_\_\_\_; But I \_\_\_\_\_ always (dream) about it.

