

GRAMMAR

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

I. Read each situation. What has happened ?

1. **dirty shoes** → - 30 minutes later - **clean shoes**.

He / clean / his shoes He has cleaned his shoes .

2. 8 :30 **bus leaves** → **it's now 8 :40**

She / miss / her bus She has missed the bus .



3. Peter works **from 9 :00 a.m. to 5 :00 p.m.** → **it's now 5 :30 p.m.**

Peter / finish / work Peter has not finished work .

4. Children's bed time **at 10 :30 p.m.** → **it's now 11.00 p.m.**

The children / go / to bed The children have not gone to bed .

5. Breakfast at 8.30 a.m., **starts school at 9.00 a.m.** → **it's now 8.55 a.m.**


He / go / to / school He has not gone to school .

6. **Dinner at 10 :00 p.m.** → **it's 11 :00 p.m.**

They / eat / dinner They have not eaten dinner .

II. Complete each sentence with a verb from the list in present perfect.

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1. I can't find my key. I have lost it.
2. Come to see my new car. I have just bought it. 
3. Have you ever been to London? No, I haven't.
4. Hello, can I speak to John? No, he has just gone out.
5. I'm hungry. Have you eaten all the biscuits?
6. Have you read this book? It's really interesting.

III. Translate into English:

1. ¿Has probado alguna vez comida india?

Have you ever tried indian food?

2. He estado en Madrid muchas veces.

I have been to Madrid many times

3. El camarero acaba de traer la comida.

The waiter has just brought the food

4. ¿Cuánto tiempo has vivido en París?

How long have you lived in Paris?



5. Las vacaciones de verano se han acabado.

The summer holidays have finished

IV. Write the following sentences beginning with “Have you ever ... ?



1. Win / lottery ? **Have you ever won the lottery** _____ ?
2. Fly / in a plane ? **Have you ever flown in an airplane** _____ ?
3. Miss / your flight ? **Have you missed your flight** _____ ?
4. See / an alien ? **Have you ever seen an alien** _____ ?
5. Meet / the President ? **Have you met the President** _____ ?
6. Climb / Mount Everest ? **Have you climbed Mount Everest** _____ ?

V. Answer the questions from exercise I.

1. **I have never won the lottery** _____ .
2. _____ .
3. _____ .
4. _____ .
5. _____ .
6. _____ .

VI. Write sentences referring to past experiences. Use the present perfect.

1. Peter / travel / many different countries.

Peter has travelled to many different countries .

2. Arturo Perez Reverte / write / a lot of books.

Arturo Perez Reverte has written a lot of books .



3. Liz Taylor / be / married eight times.

Liz Taylor has been married eight times .

4. We / do / a lot of interesting things.

We have done a lot of interesting things .

5. The Prince / meet / a lot of interesting people.

The Prince has met a lot of interesting people .

VII. Translate into English :

1. ¿Cuántas veces has viajado en barco ?

How many times have you travelled by ship ?

2. Nunca he estudiado ruso.

I have never studied Russian .

3. ¿Has visto alguna vez un OVNI ?

Have you ever seen an OVNI ?

4. Mis padres se han ido a Italia.

My parents have gone to Italy .

5. ¿Dónde habéis estado ?

Where have you been ?

FOR, SINCE, AGO

I. Answer the following questions using “ago”.



1. When was your last birthday ? **Six months ago** _____ .
2. When was the last time you went to a restaurant ? _____ .
3. When was the last time you went swimming ? _____ .
4. When was the last time you had a holiday ? _____ .
5. When was the last time you were ill ? _____ .
6. When was the last time you saw your mother ? _____ .

II. Read the following sentences and then write an additional sentence using “for” and “since”.

1. Peter is home now. He arrived one hour ago.
Peter has been home for one hour _____ .
2. I have a T.V. I bought it in 1992.
I have had a T.V. since 1992 _____ .
3. Mary is studying maths. She began two hours ago.
Mary has studied for two hours _____ .
4. I´m married. I got married in December.
I have been married since December _____ .
5. It´s raining. It began to rain this morning.
It has rained since this morning _____ .
6. School starts at 9 o´clock. It´s 10 :30.
They **have been at school for an hour and a half** _____ .

III. Translate into English :



1. Estudio inglés desde hace un año.

I have studied English for a year .

2. ¿Cuándo te compraste la casa ? Hace dos años.

When did you buy the house ? Two years ago .

3. Juego al tenis desde que era pequeño.

I have played tennis since I was a child .

4. Llevan casados dos años.

They have been married for two years .

5. Lleva en París desde 1994.

He / She has been in Paris since 1994 .

PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE?

Exercises :

I. Answer the following questions using the words given :

1. Have you finished your homework ?
(one hour ago) **Yes, I finished one hour ago** .
2. Have you seen your father ?
(this morning) **Yes, I saw him this morning** .
3. Have you been to John's house ?
(yesterday) **Yes, I was in John's house yesterday** .
4. Have you had lunch ?
(at 2 o'clock) **Yes, I had lunch at 2 o'clock** .
5. Have you been to the cinema this week ?
(on Wednesday) **Yes, I went to the cinema on Wednesday** .
6. Have you read this book ?
(two years ago) **Yes, I read it two years ago** .

II. Right or wrong ? Correct the verb tenses.

1. Have you ever seen a rock concert ? **Right** .
2. I have seen the Rolling Stones concert last year. **Wrong (I saw)** .
3. The Stones concert has been excellent. **Wrong (was)** .
4. I bought all their records after the concert. **Right** .
5. How long did you know Peter ? **Wrong (have you known)** .
6. I knew him since we were at school together. **Wrong (I have known)** .
7. When did you get married to him ? **Right** .
8. We have been together for over ten years. **Right** .

III. Put the verbs in Present Perfect or Past Simple :

1. Paul Newman is an actor. He **has performed** (*perform*) in many films.
2. **Did you see** (*you / see*) yesterday's football match ?
3. I **went** (*go*) camping last weekend.
4. A year ago I **didn't speak** (*not / speak*) English.
5. I study at university. I **have studied** (*study*) there for two years.
6. My parents **have been** (*be*) to Paris three times.
7. I **didn't see** (*not / see*) you at the party on Sunday.
8. **Have you ever been** (*you / ever / be*) to Hawaii ?

STILL / YET / ALREADY

Exercises :

I. Ask Max some questions about what he used to do. Use **still**.

- Max used to :
- smoke a lot.
 - travel quite often.
 - spend holidays at the beach.
 - go to work by bus.
 - play golf.
 - play the piano in a night club.
 - work in a factory.
 - listen to folk music.



1. **Do you still smoke a lot ?** _____ .
2. **Do you still travel quite often ?** _____ .
3. **Do you still spend holidays at the beach ?** _____ .
4. **Do you still go to work by bus ?** _____ .
5. **Do you still play golf ?** _____ .
6. **Do you still play the piano in a night club ?** _____ .
7. **Do you still work in a factory ?** _____ .
8. **Do you still listen to folk music ?** _____ .

II. Write sentences about Sam using “already”.

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| <p>Sam : - left school
 - got married
 - found a job
 - been to Paris
 newspaper</p> | <p>- met Max
 - read that book
 - seen that film
 - finished reading the</p> |
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1. **Sam has already left school** _____ .
2. **He has already got married** _____ .
3. **He has already found a job** _____ .
4. **He has already been to Paris** _____ .
5. **He has already met Max** _____ .
6. **He has already read a book** _____ .
7. **He has already seen that film** _____ .
8. **He has already finished reading the newspaper** _____ .

III. Use the information about Mary to write some sentences with “yet”.

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| <p>Mary : - not finish school
 - not married
 - not find a job
 - not read that book</p> | <p>- seen that film ?
 - speak to Peter ?
 - write to her parents ?
 - finish eating ?</p> |
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1. **Mary hasn't finished school yet** _____ .
2. **Mary hasn't married yet** _____ .
3. **Mary hasn't found a job yet** _____ .
4. **Mary hasn't read that book yet** _____ .
5. **Has Mary seen that film yet** _____ ?
6. **Has Mary spoken to Peter yet** _____ ?
7. **Has Mary written to her parents yet** _____ ?
8. **Has Mary finished eating yet** _____ ?

ABILITY


Complete the sentences using **can** or **(be) able to**. Use **can** if possible; otherwise use **(be) able to**.

1. George has travelled a lot. He can speak for languages.
2. I haven't been able to sleep very well recently.
3. Sandra can drive but she hasn't got a car.
4. I can't understand Martin. I've never been able to understand him.
5. I used to be able to stand on my head but I can't do it now.
6. I can't see you on Friday but I can meet you on Saturday morning.
7. Ask Cathy about your problem. She might be able to help you.

Complete the sentences with **can/ can't/ could/ couldn't** + one of these verbs:

come eat hear run sleep wait

1. I'm afraid I can't come to your party next week.
2. When Tim was 16, he was a fast runner. He could run 100 metres in 11 seconds.
3. "Are you in a hurry?" "No, I've got plenty of time. I can wait."
4. I was feeling sick yesterday. I couldn't eat anything.
5. Can you speak up a bit? I can't hear you very well.
6. "You look tired." "Yes, I couldn't sleep last night."

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Complete the answers to the questions with **could**, **couldn't** or **was/were able to**.

1. My grandfather was a very clever man. He could speak five languages.
2. I looked everywhere for the book but I couldn't find it.
3. They didn't want to come with us at first but we were able to Persuade them.
4. Laura had hurt her leg and couldn't walk very well.
5. Sue wasn't at home when I phoned but I was able to contact her at her office.
6. I looked very carefully and I couldn't see a figure in the distance.
7. I wanted to buy some tomatoes. The first shop I went to didn't have any but I was able to get some in the next shop.
8. My grandmother loved music. She could play the piano very well.
9. A girl fell into the river but unfortunately we were able to rescue her.
10. I had forgotten to bring my camera so I couldn't take any photographs.