



Recent events and news

We use the present perfect to talk about recent events or news. We don't say when these events happened.

- *I've passed the test!*
- *She's broken her arm.*
- *The president has travelled to Cuba.*





⇒ Never, ever, before

When we ask about someone's life experiences we often use the word **ever**.

- **Have** you **ever read** this book?
- **Have** you **ever been** to India?

When we talk about life experiences, we often use the words **never** or **before**.

- She **has never been** late.
- I think I **have seen** this film **before**.





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We use **how long** in questions to ask about the duration of an action or situation.

- **How long has** she **been** a teacher?
- **How long has** she **had** her car?

We use **for** + a period of time, e.g. **for** two weeks, **for** ten years, **for** ten days, **for** a few hours, etc.

- We've **been** here **for** a few hours.
- They've **been** married **for** 10 years.

We use **since** + a moment in the past (the beginning of a period of time), e.g. **since** I was born, **since** 10 o'clock, **since** last Wednesday, etc.

- We've **been** here **since** 4 o'clock.
- They've **been** married **since** 2010.





PRESENT PERFECT - FORM

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POSITIVE

I have seen her.
You've seen her.
We've seen her.
They've seen her.
He has seen her.
She has seen her.
It's seen her.

NEGATIVE

I have not seen her.
You haven't seen her.
We haven't seen her.
They haven't seen her.
He has not seen her.
She hasn't seen her.
It hasn't seen her.

QUESTION

Have I seen her?
Have you seen her?
Have we seen her?
Have they seen her?
Has he seen her?
Has she seen her?
Has it seen her?

SHORT ANSWER

Yes,

I have.
you have.
we have.
they have.
he has.
she has.
it has.

No,

I have not.
you have not.
we have not.
they have not.
he has not.
she has not.
it has not.

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Unfinished actions

⇒ How long, for, since

We use the present perfect with the words **how long, for, since** to talk about actions or situations that started in the past and still continue or are still true now.

- *I've lived in Oslo since I was born.*
(=I was born in Oslo and I still live in Oslo)
- *They have been married for 25 years.* (=They got married 25 years ago and they are still married)



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