

8 Present Perfect (I have eaten)

- 1 We make the Present Perfect with **have** or **has** and a past participle (e.g. **walked, taken**):

I/you/we/they	have/'ve	} started.
He/she/it	has/'s	

We make negatives, questions, and short answers with **have** or **has**:

*You **haven't** started.*

*Diana **hasn't** started.*

*Have you started? ~ Yes, I **have**.*

*Has Diana started? ~ No, she **hasn't**.*

- 2 With regular verbs, we add **-ed** to form the past participle (e.g. **walked, started**). But there are many verbs with irregular past participles (e.g. **taken, chosen, sold, slept**). For more details on past participle forms, see Tables E and F on page 96.

- 3 We use the Present Perfect to talk about events in past time, but not about when they happened:

*Somebody **has taken** my bag.*

(Not *Somebody **has taken** it **yesterday**.*)

*I **have read** her latest novel.*

We use the Present Perfect in this way when the past event is relevant now:

*Somebody **has taken** my bag. I can't find it.*

*I've **been** to the dentist. My tooth doesn't hurt now.*

- 4 We use the Present Perfect to talk about situations or actions during a period that started in the past, and has continued up to the present (e.g. **today, this month, this year, for three weeks, since last year**):

*We've **lived** here **for six years**.*

(= from six years ago until now)

*I've **worked** at CGE **since 1992**.*

(= from 1992 until now)

*Jane **has phoned** me **three times this week**.*

*We **haven't saved** much money **this year**.*

*Have you **seen** Neil (**today**)?*

- 5 We can use the Present Perfect with **ever, never, already**, and **yet**, like this:

*Have you **ever been** inside a submarine?*

*I've **never eaten** horse meat.*

*Chris **has already sent** her a present.*

*They **haven't finished** their game **yet**.*

Note that we put **ever, never** and **already** before the past participle, and **yet** at the end of the sentence.

Practice

- A Use the words in brackets () to make questions and answers with the Present Perfect.

0 (have/you/eat/anything?)

*Have you **eaten** anything?*

~ (Yes, I/have/eat/a lot.)

~ *Yes, I've **eaten** a lot.*

1 (have/Tom/buy/anything?)

~ (Yes, he/have/buy/a new suit.)

2 (have/Jane/give/him any money?)

~ (Yes, she/have/give/him £10.)

3 (have/you/break/anything?)

~ (Yes, I/have/break/a plate.)

4 (have/Pam/choose/a present?)

~ (Yes, she/have/choose/this novel.)

5 (have/they/bring/any food?)

~ (Yes, they/have/bring/some sandwiches.)

B Say what has happened in each situation. Use the words in brackets and the Present Perfect.

- 0 Your bike is not where you left it.
(somebody/take/my bike) Somebody has taken my bike.
- 1 The garage door was closed; now it is open.
(somebody/open/the garage door) _____
- 2 There are no biscuits in the cupboard.
(somebody/eat/all the biscuits) _____
- 3 The kitchen window was all right; now it is smashed.
(somebody/break/the kitchen window) _____
- 4 Mary's watch is not where she left it.
(somebody/steal/Mary's watch) _____
- 5 Your orange juice was in the fridge; it isn't there now.
(somebody/drink/my orange juice) _____
- 6 Your shoes are not where you left them.
(somebody/take/my shoes) _____

C An inventor wants to advertise a new product. This week, he must send out a letter and organize a newspaper advertisement. He has made a list of jobs, and he has ticked (✓) the things he has already done.

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| 0 prepare the circular letter ✓ | 2 put the copies in the envelopes |
| 0 buy the stamps | 3 write the text of the advertisement ✓ |
| 1 make copies of the letter ✓ | 4 send the advertisement to the paper |

Write positive sentences with *already*, and negative sentences with *yet*.

- 0 He has already prepared the circular letter.
- 0 He hasn't bought the stamps yet.
- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

D Make complete questions and answers from the words in brackets.

- 0 (have/you/see/Kate this week? ~ No, I/have/not/see/her since last month)
Have you seen Kate this week? ~ No, I haven't seen her since last month.
- 1 (have/Sue/win/any tennis competitions this year? ~ Yes, she/have/ win/three this year)
_____ ~ _____
- 2 (have/you/shave/today? ~ No, I/have/not/shave/since yesterday)
_____ ~ _____
- 3 (have/you/sell/many TVs this month? ~ Yes, we/have/sell/23 this month)
_____ ~ _____
- 4 (have/you/play/tennis this week? ~ No, I/have/not/play/for a month)
_____ ~ _____

Unit 8

- A
- 1 Has Tom bought anything? ~ Yes, he has/he's bought a new suit.
 - 2 Has Jane given him any money? ~ Yes, she has/she's given him £10.
 - 3 Have you broken anything? ~ Yes, I have/I've broken a plate.
 - 4 Has Pam chosen a present? ~ Yes, she has/she's chosen this novel.
 - 5 Have they brought any food? ~ Yes, they have/they've brought some sandwiches.
- B
- 1 Somebody has opened the garage door.
 - 2 Somebody has eaten all the biscuits.
 - 3 Somebody has broken the kitchen window.
 - 4 Somebody has stolen Mary's watch.
 - 5 Somebody has drunk my orange juice.
 - 6 Somebody has taken my shoes.
- C
- 1 He has/He's already made copies of the letter.

- 2 He has not/hasn't put the copies in the envelopes yet.
- 3 He has/He's already written the text of the advertisement.
- 4 He has not/hasn't sent the advertisement to the paper yet.
- D
- 1 Has Sue won any tennis competitions this year? ~ Yes, she has/she's won three this year.
 - 2 Have you shaved today? ~ No, I have not/haven't shaved since yesterday.
 - 3 Have you sold many TVs this month? ~ Yes, we have/we've sold 23 this month.
 - 4 Have you played tennis this week? ~ No, I have not/haven't played for a month.