



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	
	We	} 've seen her.
	They	
	He	} has seen her.
	She	
	It	} 's seen her.

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

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

SHORT ANSWER	Yes,	I	} have.	
		you		
		we		
	No,	they	} have not.	
		he		} has not.
		she		
	it	} hasn't.		

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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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