

Present Perfect

There is always some kind of connection between the past and the present. It's not always obvious but it is always there.

Remember: Perfect = 'before' in grammatical terms.

- I played football many times.
- I have scored goals for my team.

Present Perfect Simple

has/have + past participle	
<p>1) a finished action that happens in the past with no timestamp</p>	<p>I have never visited America.</p> <p>I never visited America.</p>
<p>2) a finished action in a time period which is still open</p>	<p>I have played football many times.</p>
<p>3) An action which starts in the past and continues to now</p>	<p>live work</p> <p>I <u>moved</u> to York <u>three years ago</u>.</p> <p>I <u>have lived</u> in York for three years. I <u>have lived</u> in York since 2019.</p> <p>I have worked hard today. I have worked hard this year. This week I have worked hard.</p>
<p>4) an action in the recent past which affects the present</p>	<p>Present Simple: Mr Smith doesn't have any antibiotics. <i>We don't know why or what the situation is?</i></p> <p>Present Perfect: Mr Smith has finished his antibiotics. <i>We know a lot more when we connect the past to the present.</i></p>

for and since

for	indicates how long (any tense) : I've been alive for 42 years.
since	Present perfect: indicates a start date up to now: I've been alive since 1979.
the last / past year / month / five days	Present perfect: Indicates a period starting today and going backwards: I have been tired for the last three days . I have been sick for the past month . The last few days have been really cold.
between / from	(any tense): I worked in Germany between 1992 and 1997. I worked in Germany from 1992 to 1997. I worked in Germany for 5 years. I will be in France between September and December.

Exercise 1

Which sentences are ok?

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