

# **Introduce Present Perfect**

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### What is Present Perfect?

It is tense (simple, continuous, future...)

#### Example:

- + I have eaten breakfast = <u>Present Perfect</u>
- I have not eaten breakfast = Present Perfect

? Have you eaten breakfast? = Present Perfect

RULE: no contractions in OET Writing (cant, haven't, don't, I'm, didn't etc.)

Got = informal (never put in writing)

I have been working as nurse = Present Perfect Continuous (very often SAME meaning)

## **Meanings of Present Perfect:**

- 1. we can see <u>result</u> of an action <u>in the present</u>
- 2. Action in past but we don't know exact time\*
- 3. Life experience = I have travelled to 3 countries
- 4. Repeating in past and it may continue (in an unfinished time)
- 5. Unfinished <u>action</u> / <u>state</u> [situation]

I have had a car for 2 years

There are 3 that I think you need for OET Writing...



# 3 Important Uses of Present Perfect

FINISHED	Finished action with <b>results</b> in the present	He has been <u>diagnosed</u> with <u>diabetes</u> .  I have closed the window since
		He has been prescribed  No Present Perfect Continuous
		<del>Diagnosed</del> = no permitted
UNFINISHED	It continues until now	I have lived in Manchester <mark>for</mark> 10 years
		For = duration until now
		Since = start time until now
REPEATED ACTIONS	Repeated actions continue to the present and maybe will happen again	He has had 3 heart attacks this year

- 1. Mr Jones / fall / two times / morning Mr Jones has fallen two time so far this morning REPEATED
- 2. Mrs Green / not / prescribe / antibiotics\* (This is a trick! Can you see it?) FINISHED

  Mrs Green has <u>not</u> been prescribed antibiotics PASSIVE
- 3. Mr White / hypertension 2018

  Mr White has had hypertension since 2018. UNFINISHED
- 4. Mrs Smith / diagnose / 2003 Mr Smith has experienced since 2003 UNFINISHED
- 5. Mrs Jones / advise / quit smoking Mrs Jones has been advised to quit smoking - FINISHED

### Most common use of this

I am writing regarding Mrs Jones, who has been visiting our clinic a number of times recently I am writing regarding Mrs Jones, who has been visiting our clinic recently



Mr Jones has been advised <del>quitting</del> smoking to quit

Mr Jones has been advised for quitting smoking

Mr Jones has been advised on quitting smoking Mr Jones has been advised about quitting smoking