



Goals

- Can identify the present perfect tense and explain when it should be used.
- Can form and respond to questions in the present perfect tense.



I've never been to Asia before but **I've been** to Europe many times.

I would love to visit Italy. **I've eaten** pizza in restaurants around the world but I hear that the pizza in Italy is the best!



Preview and warm-up

- This lesson is about using the **present perfect** to talk about life experiences.



What do you already know about using the **present perfect tense**?
Share with your teacher!



Introducing the present perfect

- We use the **present perfect** tense to talk about things that are **relevant to right now**.
- The present perfect is used when we are thinking about the **past** and the **present together**.
- One way that the present perfect tense can be used is when talking about experiences up to the **present moment**.

- **My cousin has learnt German.**
 - She has learnt German and she can speak it now.





How to form the present perfect tense

- We form the basic present perfect tense using **the subject + have/has + the past participle of the verb.**

subject +	have +	past participle
I	have	watched that film twice.
She	has	been to the USA before.
Lisa	has	broken her arm.
Jordan	has	studied psychology.
My grandparents	have	borrowed my car.



Past participles for regular and irregular verbs



- To form the present perfect you need to use the **past participle** of the **main verb**.
- For **regular verbs** forming the past participle is easy, we just add **-ed** at the end. However, some verbs are **irregular**.
- For these special verbs you must learn different past participles.

Common regular verbs	common irregular verbs
work = worked	see = seen
watch = watched	have = had
play = played	go = gone
dance = danced	be = been
finish = finished	hear = heard





Regular and irregular verbs

Look at the verbs on the cards below. Which are regular and which are irregular verbs? Can you remember the past participle for each?





Recognising the present perfect

Read the following dialogue.

Can you recognise which sentences use the present perfect tense?



I'm going on holiday to Spain next week. I've never been to Spain before. I'm really excited!

Oh how wonderful. I've been to Spain many times, it's a beautiful country! You are going to love it!



The only problem is that I'm vegetarian. I've heard it can be quite difficult to find vegetarian food in Spain.

I'm vegetarian too, I've been vegetarian for over ten years. When we were in Barcelona last summer it was quite easy to find vegetarian food. I think it might be harder in some of the smaller towns.





Making sentences in the present perfect

Can you make sentences in the present perfect about the photos below? Use the verbs and information on the cards to help you!

1.
I/be/China/twice
this year



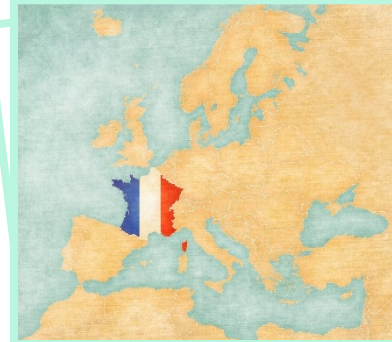
2.
he/visit/his
parents three
times this week



3.
they/eat pizza/in
Italy before



4.
she/not
go/France this
year





Present perfect or past simple?



- Sometimes it can be difficult to know when to use the **past simple** and when to use the **present perfect**.
- It helps to **remember** that **actions** or **states** using the past simple are **finished**—they **cannot change**.
- **Actions** or **states** using the **present perfect** might refer to the **past** but they also relate to the **present moment**.

- I **went** to the new Indian restaurant in the shopping centre for the first time **last month**. It was fantastic; great food and friendly service. **I've been twice this month**, once with my family and once with colleagues.

In the above example **last month** is finished and in the past, so we use the **past simple**. **This month** is on-going and relates to the present moment so we use the **present perfect**.





Using the verb *go* with the present perfect



- We use the past participles **been** and **gone** with the **present perfect** tense.
- **Been** is the past participle of the verb **to be** while **gone** is the past participle of the verb **to go**.
- Normally, we use **been** for completed actions and we use **gone** when someone has visited a place and hasn't yet returned.



She's **gone** on holiday to Egypt. She spoke to Nathan before she left. He's **been** to Egypt many times so he gave her some tips.



Using *ever* and *never* with the present perfect

- We often use **ever** and **never** with the **present perfect**.
- We use **ever** to ask questions in the present perfect and to find out about life experiences at any time in someone's life.
- We use **never** in our answers when they are **negative**.
- Both **ever** and **never** come before the main verb in a sentence in the present perfect.

Question	Answer
Have you ever been to Scotland?	I've never been to Scotland but I hear it's very beautiful.
Have they ever worked together before?	Yes, they've worked together many times.
Has she ever lived in a foreign country?	Yes, she's lived in France and in Italy.
Have you ever played golf?	No, I've never played golf, but it looks fun!



Match the questions and answers

Match the questions on the left with the appropriate answer on the right.

Remember when to use the past simple and when to use the present perfect!

1. When was the last time you saw your brother?

a. No, I've never tried it.

2. Have you ever been to Asia?

b. Yes, I emailed my application yesterday.

3. Did you apply for the job in the marketing department?

c. I visited him and his wife last Sunday for dinner.

4. Have you ever tried sushi?

d. Yes, twice. I've been to China and to South Korea.



Question practice

You are having lunch with a new colleague and getting to know them. Can you ask them one question in the past simple and one in the present perfect for each of the photos below?





Can you put this conversation in order?

1

2

3

4

A

Have you ever played football, John? There's a staff football team too. I'll introduce you to Susan at lunch, she's in charge of staff sports. If you're interested in joining a staff team, she can tell you all about it.

B

Hi John, I don't think we've had a chance to meet properly yet. I'm Phillip. It's nice to meet you! Have you been to the staff cafeteria yet? It's really nice! Would you like to join the team there for lunch today?

C

Hi Phillip, nice to meet you, too. No, I haven't been to the cafeteria yet. I'd love to join the team there for lunch. I've never worked in an office with a cafeteria before. That's really useful!

D

Oh that'd be great! I played rugby when I was a child but I haven't played football before. I'd be happy to learn!



Making conversation with new colleagues

Look back at the text you read.
Which sentences used the
present perfect tense?





Imagine you are...

Imagine you are meeting a new colleague for the first time.
What questions will you ask them?
Remember to be friendly but don't ask anything too personal!



- Your teacher will first play the role of your colleague and you will ask questions. Then swap roles!





Using *before* with the present perfect

- We use the **present perfect** to talk about a past event which is important in the present.
- We use the word **before** with the **present perfect** to **emphasise** that something **has** or **has not happened** in the past.
- We use **before** in **questions** and **responses**.

Examples

They have never met before.

She has never been to Australia before.

Have you been to Vietnam before?

We have never had any problems before.

I have been there before, I know the way.





Using *so far* with the present perfect

- We use the present perfect with **so far** to **stress** that we are talking about **experiences** in the **past** up to the **present moment**.
- We use **so far** in questions and responses.

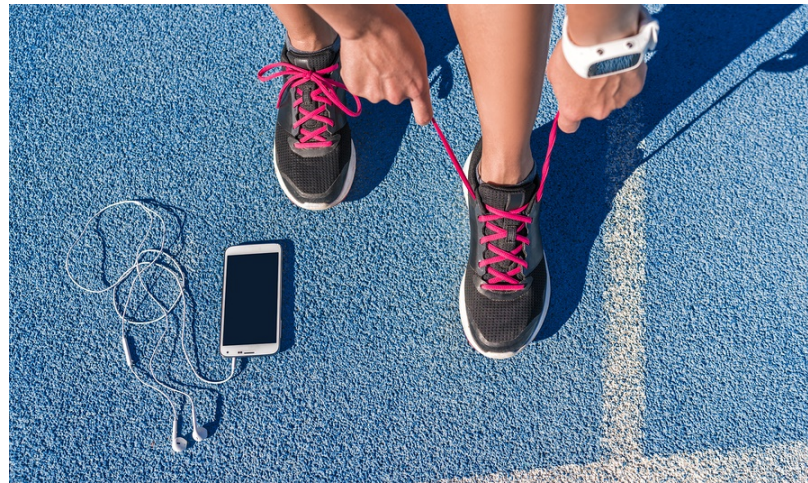
- How have you enjoyed your trip **so far**?
- I've really loved what I've seen of the city **so far**!





Asking questions with the present perfect

- We can also ask questions with the **present perfect** using the phrase:
 - **how many times + present perfect.**



How many times have you completed a marathon?



Fill in the gaps

Fill the gaps using:
before, so far, how many times and been

1. Have you been to England _____?
_____ have you been?
2. No, I've never been to England _____.
_____ I've been to three countries in Europe: Sweden, Norway and France.
3. Oh, I'd love to visit Norway but I hear it's expensive there. _____ I haven't made it. I need to save some money first. I've been to Sweden _____ though. It was beautiful. _____ have you been there?
4. I've _____ to Sweden twice, but I preferred my visit in spring to my winter trip. It's beautiful but very cold in winter!





Asking questions using the present perfect

Make questions using the present perfect for each card below. Then choose three of the questions and answer them yourself using the present perfect!



check if a friend has been to the new French restaurant in town

find out if two friends have met before

find out how many times your sister has been swimming this week

ask if your colleague has been to the USA before

find out what a friend has done so far on her holiday

ask your dad if your mum has gone out

ask your brother if he has been to the dentist this year

find out how many times your neighbour has been to Italy

find out what work your colleague has done on the project so far



Game

Question time!

Take turns with your teacher to ask questions in the **present perfect**.

The first person to find **five things** that the other person has never done is the winner!

Have you ever been to the top of the Eiffel Tower?

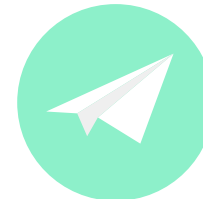


Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





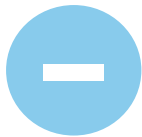
Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?









If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again





Answer key 1/2

Activity p. 14
1C, 2D, 3B, 4A

1. I've been to China twice this year. 2. He has visited his parents three times this week. 3. They have eaten in the Italian restaurant before. 4. She hasn't gone to France this year.

Activity p. 10

I've never been to Spain before. I've been to Spain many times. I've heard it can be quite difficult to find vegetarian food in Spain. I've been vegetarian for over ten years.

Activity p. 9

Regular = play, visit, call (played, visited, called)
Irregular = eat, see, drink, go, have, send, meet, write, say (eaten, seen, drunk, gone, had, sent, met, written, said)

Activity p. 8



Answer key 2/2

Activity p. 16

B,C,A,D

Activity p. 17

A: Have you ever played football, John? B: I don't think we've had a chance to meet properly yet. Have you been to the staff cafeteria yet? C: No, I haven't been to the cafeteria yet. I've never worked in an office with a cafeteria before. D: I played rugby when I was a child but I haven't played football before

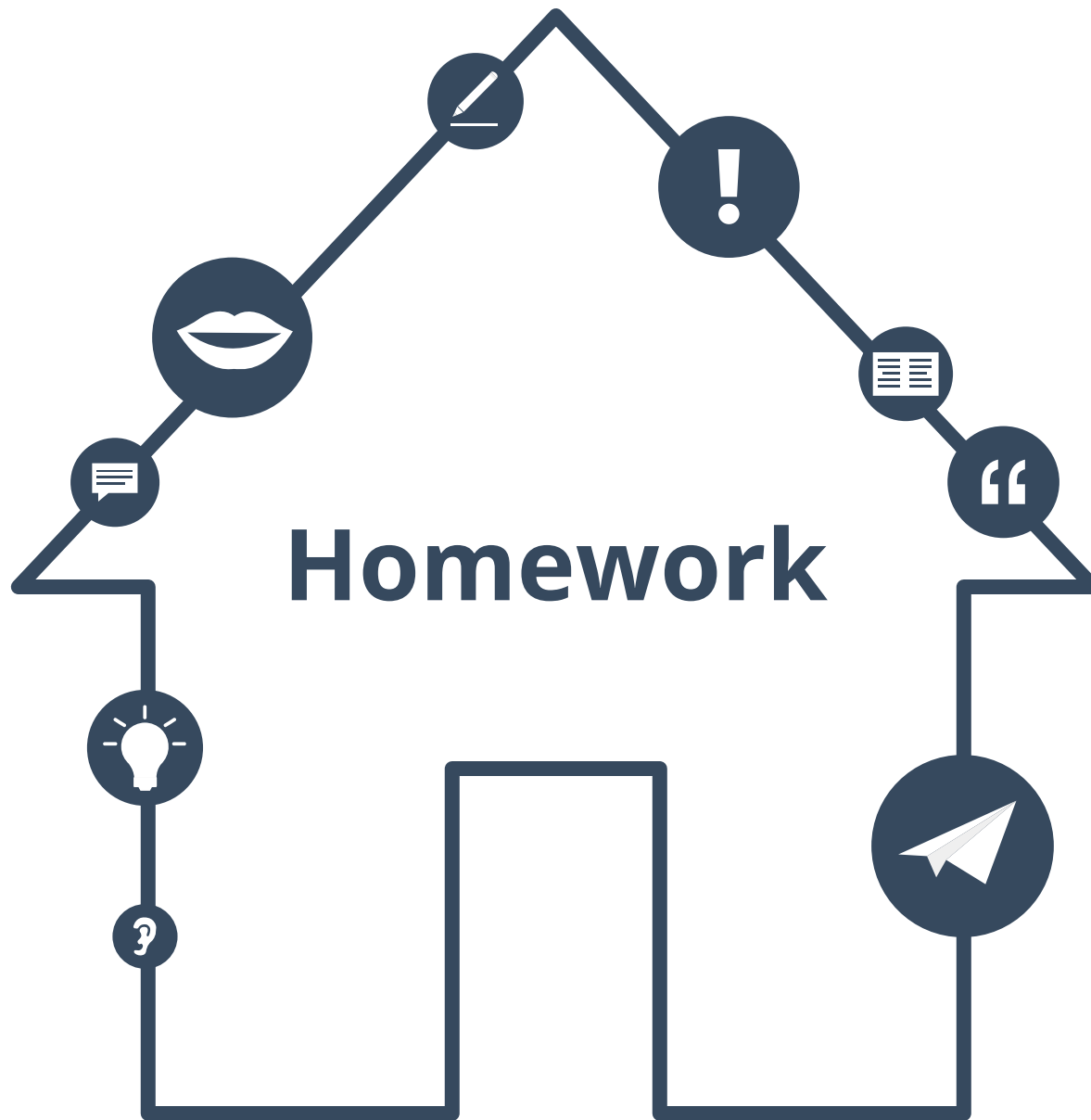
Activity p. 22

1. before, how many times

2. before, so far

3. so far, before, how many times

4. been





Structuring

Write a list of the words you have found most useful from today's lesson.

Use each one to write a sentence in the present perfect sense.

A worksheet with a grid of horizontal lines for writing. On the left side, there are three empty circles. A white notepad with a hole-punch edge is tilted over the lines. A small white label with the text "useful words" is attached to the notepad. A large grey arrow points from the notepad towards the right side of the worksheet.

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