

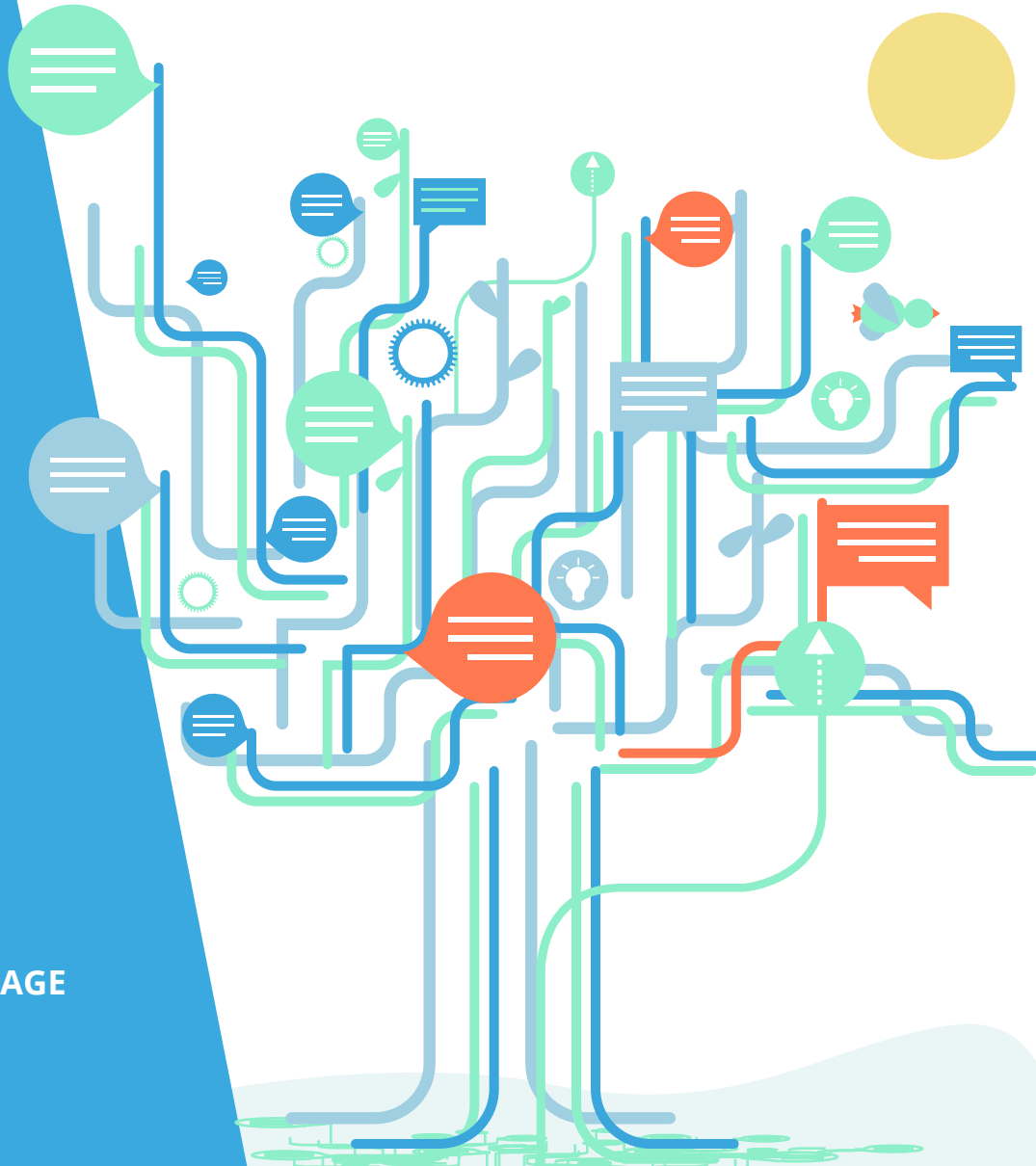
# More on the present perfect tense

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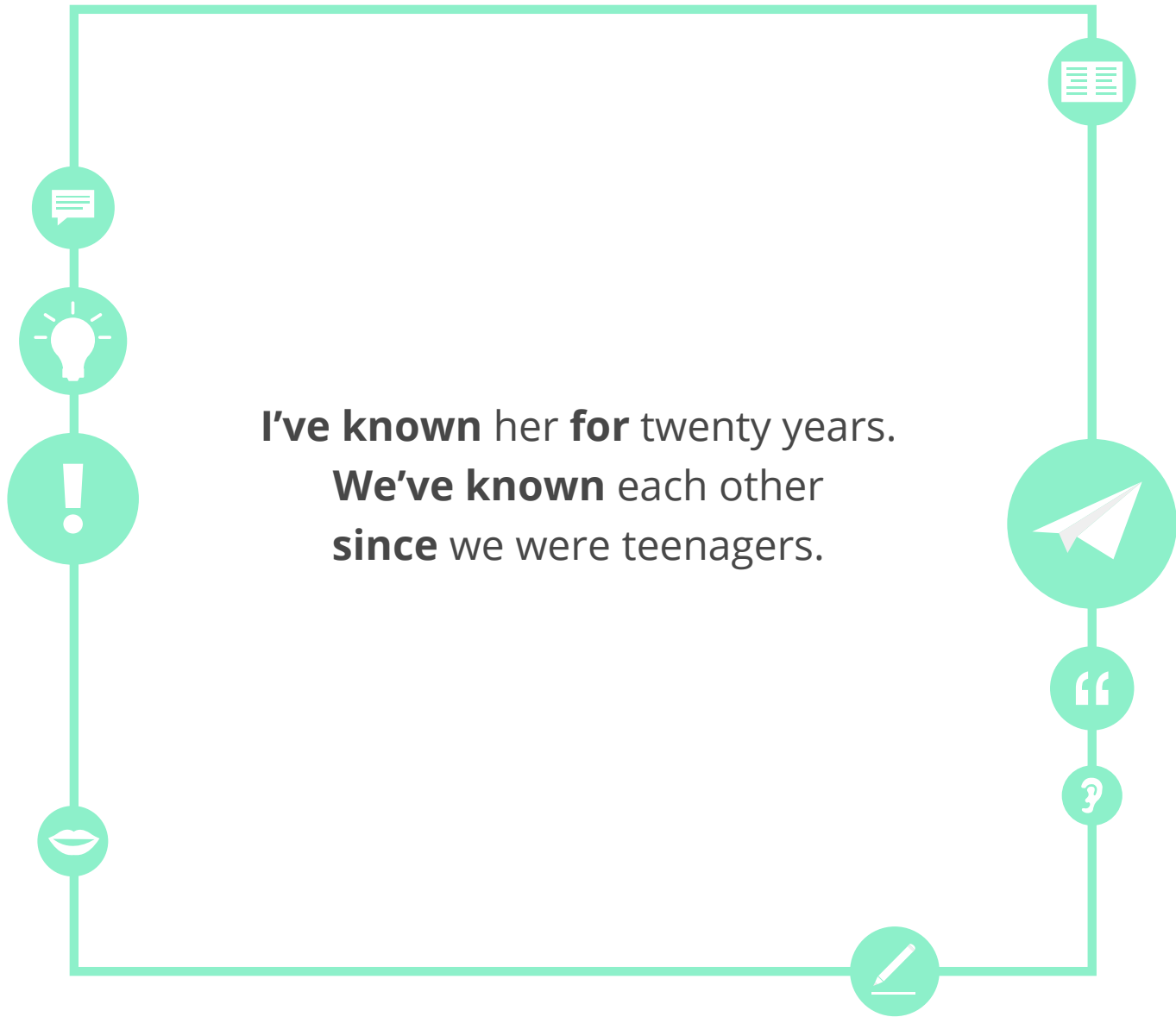




## Goals

- Can explain the uses of the present perfect and apply this to a simple conversation.
- Can form simple sentences using the present perfect with 'for', 'since', 'yet', 'already', 'never' and 'ever'.





**I've known** her **for** twenty years.  
**We've known** each other  
**since** we were teenagers.



## More on the present perfect tense

This lesson is about the **present perfect tense**. You already know something about this tense. We use it to talk about things that happened at an unspecified time in the past.



I **have been** to Australia three times.



## The present perfect

- **The present perfect** is used to indicate **a link** between the **present** and the **past**.
- The time of the action is **before now but not specified**, and we are often more interested in the **result** than in the action itself.

### Examples

I have been to India.

Have you seen that movie?

She hasn't visited us recently.

They have eaten dinner.

Have we met before?





## Forming the present perfect

- Use the appropriate form of the auxiliary verb **to have** and the **past participle** of the **main verb** to form the present perfect.

Subject	Auxiliary verb	Past participle
I	have	been
you	have	visited
he, she, it	has	done
we	have	lived
you	have	met
they	have	seen



## Negatives

- Put **not** after **have** and before the **past participle** to form the **negative** of the present perfect tense.
- Form a contraction by joining the appropriate form of the auxiliary verb and not: **haven't, hasn't**.

Positive		Negative
I have been	→	I have <b>not</b> been
He has visited	→	He has <b>not</b> visited
I have done	→	I haven't done





## Questions

- Put the **appropriate form** of the auxiliary verb **have** at the **beginning** of a question, followed by the **subject** and **past participle**.

Auxiliary verb	Subject	Past participle
Have	you	been..?
Has	he	met..?
Has	she	studied..?
Have	they	lived..?





## Irregular past participles



- Remember that the **past participle** of some verbs is **irregular**.

Infinitive		Past participle
be	→	<b>been</b>
have	→	<b>had</b>
know	→	<b>known</b>
eat	→	<b>eaten</b>



## Have got



- The structure **have got** is used to talk about possession in the **present tense**.
- **Have got** has the **same meaning** as **have** in the present tense.



I **have got** two children.



## Use these words in a sentence or question

been

eaten

known

have got



## Find the odd one out



I have been to Argentina.



I have eaten a lot today.



I went to the cinema last night.



I have had a great week!



## Fill in the gaps with the verb in brackets and anything else you may need

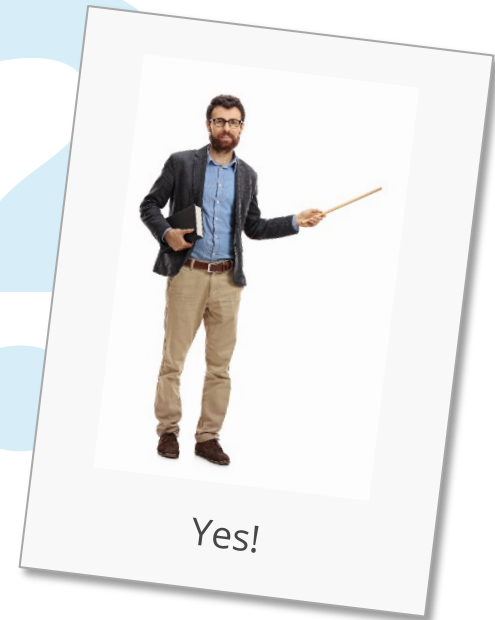
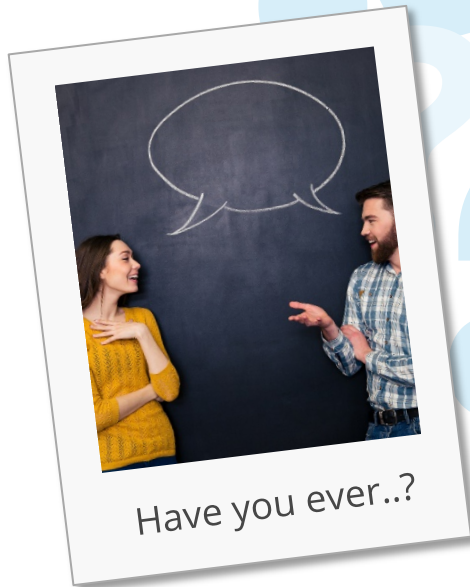
1. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to the cinema this month?
2. Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a band in concert?
3. How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (know) your best friend?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) something important?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) a vacation spot for next year?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (change) your appearance dramatically?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) a motorbike?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) really spicy food?





## Ask and answer

Now ask and answer the questions on the previous page.





## When to use the present perfect

- There are **several** uses for the **present perfect** tense.
- Here are **two more examples** of when to use the present perfect.

- An action performed during a period that has **not yet finished**.
- Actions completed in the **very recent past** (with **just**)

- She **has been** to the cinema twice this week. (**the week is not over**)
- We **have just come** back from Tokyo.



## Just

- **Just** comes **before** the past participle to express an action completed in the **very recent past**.



I have **just** woken up!





**Just finished**

**Think of something you have just done. Tell a classmate or your teacher.**





What has just happened? Can you imagine?

A



B



C



D





## How many times have you...

eaten today?

been abroad?

watched a movie  
at the cinema this  
month?

studied English  
this week?

been for a walk in  
the last three  
days?

had a meeting at  
work this week?



## For and since

- Use **for** and **since** with the present perfect to talk about **how long** you have done something.
- Use **for** to talk about a **period of time (one week, six months, five years)**.
- Use **since** to talk about a **particular time (2005, last year, I was young)**.

Period of time	Particular time
I have studied English <b>for</b> three years.	I have studied English <b>since</b> 2014.
You have been here <b>for</b> one month.	You have been here <b>since</b> last month.
She has worked there <b>for</b> two years.	She has worked there <b>since</b> she was 25.
We have known each other <b>for</b> ten years.	We have known each other <b>since</b> I was a teenager.



## Choose the correct category

for

since

one week

last year

2005

ten years

a long time

I was a teenager

four months

a year

my birthday

yesterday



## How long have you..?

Ask a classmate or your teacher questions using the words below.  
Think of three different questions to ask.

Remember to use **for** and **since**!



lived in your house?

studied English?

known your best friend?

worked for the same company?

had your favourite item of clothing?

done your favourite sport?

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

\_\_\_\_\_ ?

\_\_\_\_\_ ?



## I have never...

- Tell a classmate about something you have **never** done.
- **"I have never stayed** in a 5 star hotel."
- Use the pictures below to help you.





## 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?



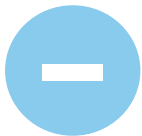
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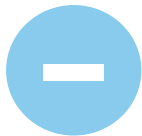
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If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again





## Answer key

### Exercise p.12

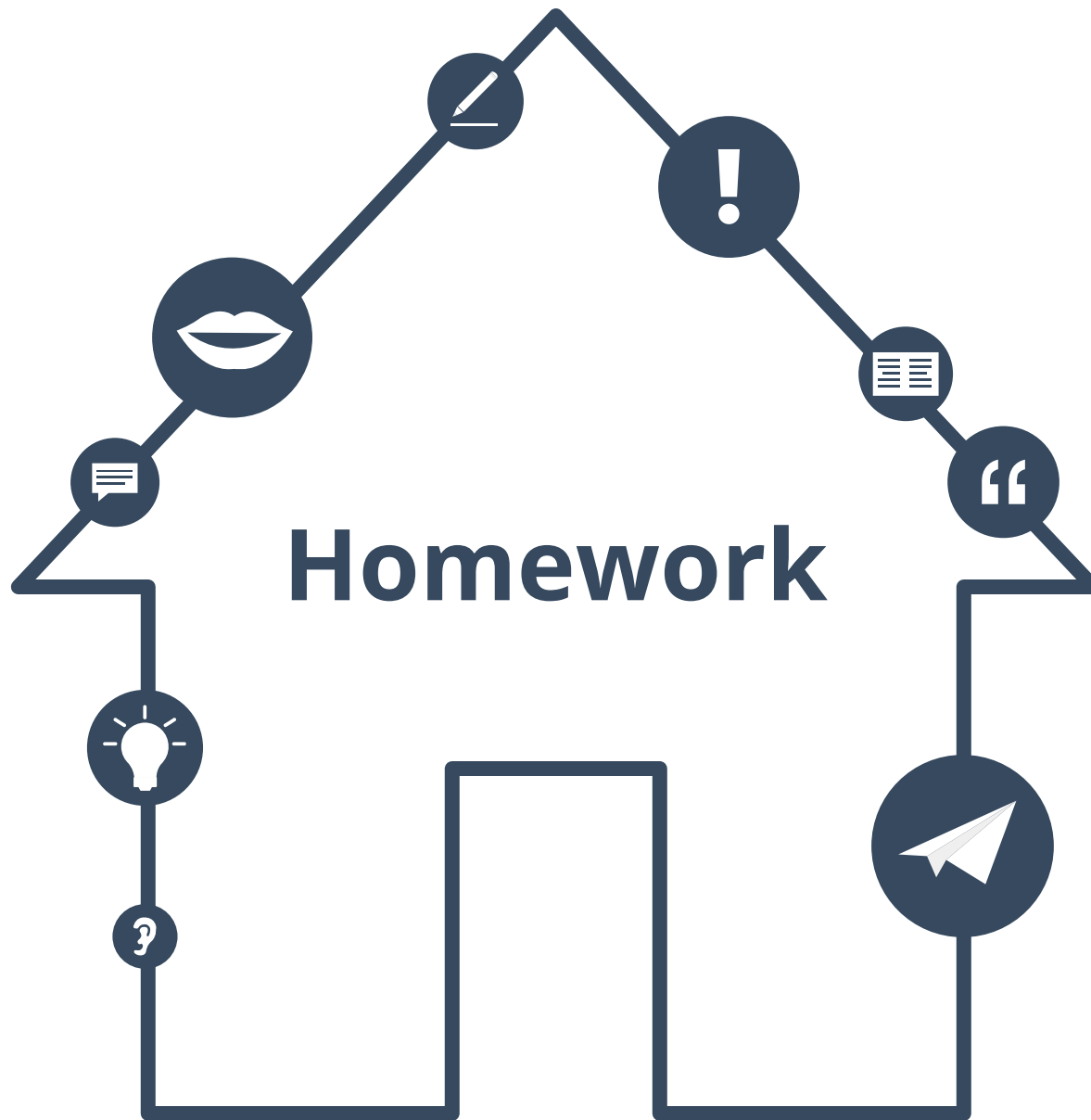
I went to the cinema last night. (Past simple tense)

### Exercise p.13

1. been – 2. seen – 3. have, known – 4. Have, lost – 5. Have, chosen – 6. Have, changed – 7. Have, ridden – 8. Have, eaten

### Exercise p.21

**for:** one week – ten years – a long time – four months – a year  
**since:** last year – 2005 – I was a teenager – my birthday – yesterday





## Complete the table

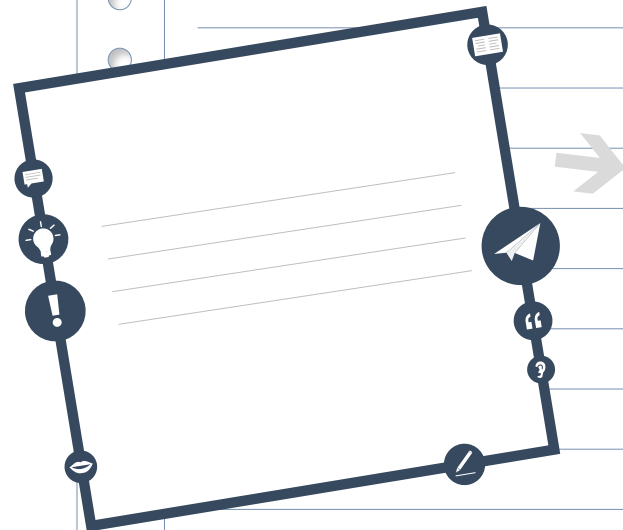
do	_____
_____	known
have	_____
work	_____
eat	_____
_____	gone
wake up	_____





## Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3,  
and find examples of  
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.  
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text  
that are examples of  
topic of the lesson.



## Find the verbs

**Find the verbs in this lesson and write them down.  
Which are new? Do you know all of them?  
Look these words up.**

Verbs

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## Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.  
Copy them, and write them about you and a friend.**



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Examples:

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I don't understand

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→ My friend Maria and I don't understand.

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He has a book

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→ We have a book

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## Easy or difficult?

Is the grammar topic of this lesson...  
easy or difficult?

Write down what is difficult for you and what is easy.

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## Homework answer key

**Exercise p.25**  
done – know – had – worked – eaten – go – woken up



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