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PRESENT PERFECT: A SIMPLIFIED GUIDE

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It is used:

.To talk about *experiences in the past*. We don't say exactly when they happened:

- I have made a YouTube video.
- I haven't seen that movie.

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With the present perfect we often use **ever** (= in your life) in questions and **never** (not in your life).

- Have you ever been to Brazil?
- He's never downloaded music.

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We use the affirmative form with **never**.

- I have never been to Canada. (**NOT** *I haven't never been to Canada*).

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We form the present perfect with **have/has** + the **past participles** (lived, sent, etc.)

With *regular verbs*, past participles end in **-ed**.

They are the same as the past simple:

- Book = booked
- Telephone = telephoned
- Play = played

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Many verbs have *irregular* past participles. They are often, but not always, different from the past simple:

Infinitive	Simple past	Past participle
see	saw	seen
write	wrote	written
buy	bought	bought

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“Go” has two participles:

- She has **been** to China. (=She went to China and came back.)
- She has **gone** to China. (= She went to China and **is** China now.)

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Affirmative form:

Subject + have / has + verb (past participle) + complement

- I **have** *done* my homework
- She **has** *written* an article for the blog
- They **have** *called* her many times this week

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- Negative form:

Subject + have / has + not + verb (past participle) + complement
(have not = haven't)
(has not = hasn't)

- I **haven't** *finished* my career.
- He **hasn't** *bought* his uniform
- We **haven't** *answered* the questions.

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- Interrogative Form:

Have / Has + Subject + verb (past participle) + complement + ?

Have I told you this before?

Yes, you have.

No, you haven't

Has she finished her homework?

Yes, she has.

No, she hasn't

Have they bought the materials?

Yes, they have.

No, they haven't.

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- Contractions:

- Subject + have / has = 've / 's:

- *I've, You've, He's, She's, It's, We've, You've, They've*

- subject + have not / has not = haven't / hasn't:

*I haven't, you haven't, he hasn't, she hasn't, it hasn't,
we haven't, you haven't, they haven't*

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• TASK:

Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verbs:

Example: *I 've downloaded (download) a lot of music.*

1. My mother _____ (travel) to several countries in South America
2. My 90-year-old neighbour _____ (never/use) a computer.
3. We _____ (go) to the new science museum. It was amazing.
4. I _____ (not write) many letters by hand.
5. _____ you ever _____ (cook) Italian food?
6. She _____ (not read) any plays by Shakespeare.
7. He _____ (never / buy) a CD.

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