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Present Perfect

1. The present perfect is used to express an action or emotion that started in the past and has continued into the present.

*e.g. I **have read** that book. It's very good.*

*e.g. Dr. Jones **has lived** in New York for
Many years.*



2. The present perfect is used more than the present perfect continuous for actions that are more long-term in nature.

e.g. Tom **has made** a *lot of money* *since 1980*.



3. The present perfect is used to indicate a single action that is complete.

*e.g. Mary **has washed** the dishes. (The job is finished.)*

4. The present perfect is used to indicate the number of times an action has been done or the number of things that have been done.

*e.g. I **have read** this statistics problem five times.*

*e.g. Alex **has already completed** six problems.*





5. The present perfect is used to indicate an action that happened at an indefinite time in the past. **The time of the action is not given** .

e.g. Ana *has finished* her composition.

e.g. The teacher *has corrected* it.

e.g. I *have received* my college acceptance letter.

When the time is given, the simple past is used.

e.g. Ana *finished* her composition two days ago.

e.g. The teacher *corrected* it last night .

e.g. I *received* the letter the day before yesterday.

6. When used with *just* and *already*, the present perfect expresses an action that started in the past but finished recently or very close to the moment of speaking .

A: Don't forget to mail the package .

B: I've already mailed it. I went to the post office this morning. OR It's on the way .

B: I've just returned home from the post office .

Present Perfect Continuous



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1. The **present perfect continuous** is used to emphasize the continuous nature of an activity that started in the past and has continued into the present.

*e.g. I **have been reading** that book for weeks; I wonder if I'll ever finish it.*

*e.g. Manuel **has been living** in New York for one year.*

2. **The present perfect continuous** is used more than the present perfect for actions that are more recent in nature .

*e.g. Tom **has been making** a lot of money since his new job seven months ago .*



3. **The present perfect continuous** is often used to indicate a single action that is incomplete.

e.g. Mary **has been washing** *the dishes*. (The job probably isn't finished).

4. **The present perfect continuous** is used to emphasize the duration of an action *not* the number of times an action has been done .

e.g. I've *been reading it for the past hour.*

e.g. I've *been trying to understand the same problem all night.*