

Practice

1 Write sentences and questions in the present perfect, using the words below.

3.07 Listen and check.

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| 0 | I / not finish / the report | <i>I haven't finished the report.</i> |
| 00 | you / see / my keys ? | <i>Have you seen my keys?</i> |
| 1 | we / play / five games this season | |
| 2 | you / eat / anything today ? | |
| 3 | our friends / not had / a pet before | |
| 4 | Sally / break / her mobile phone | |
| 5 | Clive / use / this computer ? | |
| 6 | I / never drive / an American car | |
| 7 | the children / see / all the Harry Potter films ? | |
| 8 | Mr Lopez / not come / to work today | |

2 Match the sentences 1-7 with the explanations A-H.

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| 0 | My computer broke down. | A | So I have to water the garden. |
| 1 | My computer has broken down. | B | This is our first visit. |
| 2 | We've been here before. | C | He isn't here at the moment. |
| 3 | We haven't been here before. | D | I couldn't send any emails. |
| 4 | He's gone to the post office. | E | So I don't have to water the garden. |
| 5 | He's been to the post office. | F | This isn't our first visit. |
| 6 | It hasn't rained yet. | G | I can't send any emails. |
| 7 | It's just stopped raining. | H | He brought back some stamps. |

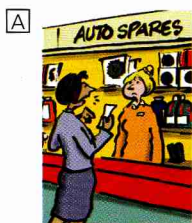
3 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conversation with the words from the box.

3.08 Listen and check.

already been before ever just never recently still yet

- MANDY How are the wedding plans going?
- SARAH OK. But there are lots of things I haven't done (0) *yet*.....
- MANDY But you've (1) chosen your dress, haven't you?
- SARAH No, I (2) haven't seen anything I like.
- MANDY Have you (3) to Baxter's? They've got a good selection.
- SARAH Really? Their clothes used to be very old-fashioned. But I haven't been there (4)
- MANDY It's better now. Actually, there are lots of nice designs in the Nuptia catalogue. Perhaps you should get a dress from them.
- SARAH I'm not sure. I've (5) bought a dress from a catalogue.
- MANDY Well, at least have a look at it. They've (6) sent me the new edition. I can bring it around later.
- SARAH All right.
- MANDY What about the cake? Have you (7) tried that place on Randall Street? They do fantastic cakes.
- SARAH I know. But they seemed a bit expensive to me. Of course, I don't really know how much a big wedding cake should cost. I've never bought one (8)!

4 Match the sentences with the pictures. Then write a suitable word in each gap.



- 0 We're really nervous about the flight. We've never been on a plane before. C.....
- 1 I can't come out. I haven't finished my homework
- 2 I ordered this spare part three weeks ago and it hasn't arrived!
- 3 How is your brother? I haven't seen him
- 4 I don't want to rent that film. I've seen it.

5 GRAMMAR IN USE Find eight more mistakes in the conversation and correct them.

- DAVE Have ^{you brought} brought you the new car?
- ALICE Yes. I've park it outside. Come and have a look ...
- DAVE It's lovely. How fast does it go?
- ALICE I don't know. I yet haven't driven it on the motorway.
- DAVE I bet it's really fast. Pete's got one of these and he says he's did over 125 mph in it!
- ALICE Oh, that's too fast for me. I've driven never over 80 or 90.
- DAVE I haven't driven a car like this already. Could I have a go?
- ALICE I'm afraid not. Just I've arranged the insurance and I'm the only person that's allowed to drive it.
- DAVE That's a pity. How do you turn on the CD player?
- ALICE Mmm, I'm not sure. I've looked at the manual yet.
- DAVE Has it got air-conditioning?
- ALICE Yes. I'm really looking forward to the hot weather so I can try it out. I've never had before a car with air-conditioning!

6 Write true sentences about yourself, using the words below.

- 0 have / shower / today I haven't had a shower today......
- 1 have / cups of coffee / today
- 2 visit / my grandparents / this month
- 3 see / the latest James Bond movie
- 4 pass / the driving test
- 5 go / to the doctor / recently
- 6 have / a holiday / this year
- 7 drive / an electric car
- 8 send / text messages / this week
- 9 phone / my best friend / today
- 10 go / to the dentist / this year

37 Present perfect for situations up to the present



1 Unfinished time period + (so far), this morning, today, etc.

We use the present perfect to talk about actions in a time period that is still continuing

- with time expressions (e.g. *today, this morning, this week, this year*):

I've driven 500 kilometres this week. (The week has not finished.)

Have you spoken to Ahmed this morning? (It is still morning.)

- with *so far* to mean 'up to now':

We've had four holidays so far this year, and it's only September!

Compare:

PRESENT PERFECT *I've made several phone calls this morning.* (It is still morning.)

PAST SIMPLE *I made several phone calls this morning.* (It is now afternoon.)

2 Repeated actions

We use the present perfect to talk about repeated actions (that may happen again):

I've been there many times. (I might go there again one day.)

She's phoned five times already. (She may phone again.)

How many times have you played Grand Theft Auto? How often has she been here?

3 Situations up to the present + for/since, how long

We use *for* (and not *since*) with a period of time (e.g. *for an hour, for years*):

David has worked in Mexico for many years. I haven't seen Janice for a long time.

- ⚠ We don't use *for* before expressions beginning with *all* (e.g. *all day, all my life*):

~~*X I've worked there for all my life.*~~ ✓ *I've worked there all my life.*

We use *since* with a particular time, day or date, or with a past event:

David has worked in Mexico since January 2000. I haven't seen Janice since Tuesday.

I haven't been to the beach since we got here.

- We can use *it's* (present simple) or *it's been* (present perfect) + time expression + *since*:

It's two years since our wedding. It's been two years since our last meeting.

- The verb after *since* is usually in the past simple, not the present perfect:

John has worked here since he left school. It's ages since I saw you.

We use *How long?* in questions, usually with state verbs: *How long have you known Alan?*

- ⚠ We use the present perfect (NOT the present simple or continuous) to talk about present situations that started in the past:

~~*X I am married for ten years.*~~ ✓ *I've been married for ten years.*

~~*X We are living here since 2005.*~~ ✓ *We've lived here since 2005.*

4 Superlatives, the first time

We often use the present perfect (+ *ever*) with superlative adjectives (► Unit 21.3):

That was the worst film I've ever seen! This is the best holiday we've ever had!

We also use the present perfect with *the first, the second*, etc:

This is the third time I've visited China, but it's the first time I've travelled in business class.