

Present perfect (1)

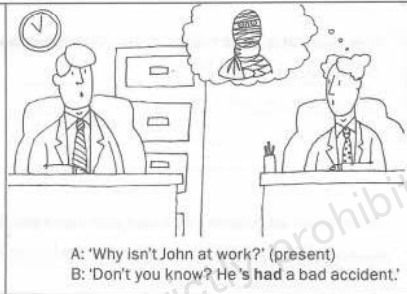
1 The form of the present perfect is:

have/has + past participle

2 You use the present perfect tense for something which happened in the past but has an effect in the present:



A: 'Are you going to the film tonight?'
B: 'No. I've already seen it.'



A: 'Why isn't John at work?' (present)
B: 'Don't you know? He's had a bad accident!'

3 Often it refers to the very recent past:

Karen has just passed her exams. I've just seen your mother at the shops.

4 You use the present perfect for something which started in the past and is still going on:

I know London very well. I've lived there for five years.

He's her closest friend. He has known her since they were children.

or to ask questions about the past up to the present:

A: Have you heard of Boris Becker?

B: Yes. He plays tennis.

A: Have you been to America?

B: No. But I've been to Canada.

A: How many times has she been to England?

B: I think she's only been once.



or for something which still hasn't happened but is expected to happen:

A: May I borrow your book?

B: I'm sorry. I haven't finished it yet.

A: Do you know Henry?

B: No. We haven't met yet.

WARNING:

You do not use the present perfect in a clause with a past time expression:

They've just finished work. They finished ten minutes ago.

I've read that book. I read it last week.

5 Exercise: Find the words *already*, *just*, *since*, *yet*, *ever* on this page. Which uses of the present perfect do they go with?

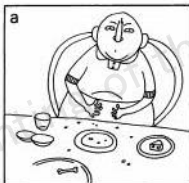
A Match the questions and answers:

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| 1 Do you know Michael? | a No. I haven't done my homework. |
| 2 Where's Andreas? | b No thanks. I've just had lunch. |
| 3 Are you going out tonight? | c Yes. We've met many times. |
| 4 Is James at home? | d No. He has gone on holiday. |
| 5 Is Maria at the University? | e No. We haven't invited them. |
| 6 Do you want a sandwich? | f He's gone to the shops. |
| 7 Are Linda and Sam coming tonight? | g I'm sorry, but I've lost it. |
| 8 Can I borrow your grammar book? | h No. She hasn't finished school yet. |

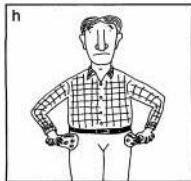
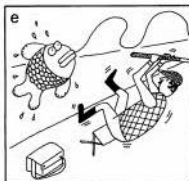
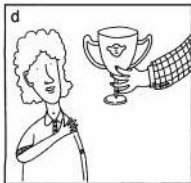
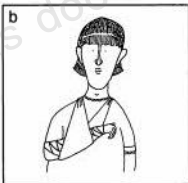
B Have you heard of these people, been to these places, seen these films or read these books?

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| 1 Brazil <u>I haven't been to Brazil.</u> | 5 Emilio Zapata <u>I've heard of Emilio Zapata.</u> |
| 2 Don Quixote _____ | 6 Oliver Twist _____ |
| 3 Honolulu _____ | 7 Madrid _____ |
| 4 Andre Agassi _____ | 8 Charlie Chaplin _____ |

Now think of some to ask your friends: Have you seen/ read/ heard of/ been to?

C Write under the picture what has happened to these people:

He's eaten too much. _____



Here are some ideas to help you: ... broken her arm; ... had an accident; ... lost all his money; ... fallen down; ... lost their way; ... eaten too much; ... won a prize; ... caught a fish.