

Present Perfect Tense

Language Focus

- We use the present perfect tense to describe something that happened in the past, and it is connected with the present in some way.
- We do not mention the specific time of the past event.
- We often use the words like 'already' and 'just' in positive sentences, and 'yet' in negative sentences and questions.
e.g. I **have forgotten** my keys, so I can't get into my house.
Henry feels bad. He **has just heard** some bad news.
- We often use the word 'since' and 'for' to describe something that started in the past and continues up to now.
e.g. The Chans **have lived** in Sai Kung since 2000. (They still live there)
Lily **has studied** at this school for 5 years. (She still studies there)
- We use the present perfect tense to say that something has happened several times up to now.
- We often use 'ever' in questions and words like 'never', 'once', 'twice' in sentences.
e.g. John: **Have you ever ridden** a horse?
Amy: Yes, I have. I **have ridden** it once.

A. Fill in the blanks with Present Perfect Tense of the verbs given.

1. I _____ (read) three of Roald Dahl's works so far.
2. _____ you ever _____ (see) a shooting star?
3. _____ Kelly _____ (give) you the report yet?
4. We _____ (learn) Spanish for five years.
5. The children _____ just _____ (make) some cupcakes.
6. Gabriel _____ never _____ (tell) me his secrets.

B. Proofread the following sentences. If there is a mistake, underline it and make correction. Add "^^" in the sentences with missing words.

1. Easter Island is the most fascinating place I ever visited. _____
2. .Have you hear of Nazca Lines before? _____
3. I have just find some information about the Tibetan Plateau. _____
4. The explorers have reached the mountain top yet. _____
5. The professor travelled to Sahara Desert recently. _____
6. We had visited Stonehenge two times so far. _____

C. Fill in the blanks with Present Perfect Tense of the suitable verbs.

- The Wongs _____ (leave / live) in Vancouver since 2003.
- We _____ (go / visit) the Disneyland in Japan three times so far.
- I am too late! The train _____ already _____ (go / run).
- The plane to Copenhagen _____ just _____ (tell / take) off.
- _____ anyone _____ (find / fine) the missing boy yet?
- _____ you ever _____ (hear / listen) of this small country in Europe?
- _____ the manager _____ (tell / say) the staff the good news yet?
- The students _____ already _____ (have / drink) lunch in the canteen.
- The customer _____ not _____ (play / pay) for the tickets yet.
- We _____ never _____ (meet / make) the director of our company.

D. Sabrina and Sally are preparing for their trip to Japan. Complete the following conversation with Present Perfect Tense of the verbs given.

- Sabrina : (1) _____ you _____ (pack) your luggage yet?
- Sally : Yes, I (2) _____ already _____ (put) most of the necessary things into my backpack.
- Sabrina : My mum (3) _____ (buy) some containers for me to take my cleanser. Do you need some?
- Sally : No, thank you. I have some at home. (4) _____ you _____ (check) if your passport is valid?
- Sabrina : Yes, I have. Do you think you would like to visit the miniature museum? (5) _____ you _____ (make) the decision yet?
- Sally : Yes, I'd like to. I (6) _____ just _____ (read) a travel book. The museum is highly recommended by the writer.
- Sabrina : So (7) _____ you _____ (write) down the address?
- Sally : Yes, I (8) _____ (add) the address and map to our schedule. I (9) _____ (print) two copies already. Each of us can get one.
- Sabrina : That's great! By the way, my friend (10) _____ (find) some information for us. She (11) _____ (visit) our destinations before.
- Sally : It is so kind of her to help. I (12) _____ also _____ (book) the train tickets...

