

## GRAMMAR

### PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

I. Read each situation. What has happened ?

1. **dirty shoes** → - 30 minutes later - **clean shoes**.  
He / clean / his shoes He has cleaned his shoes .



2. 8 :30 **bus leaves** → **it's now 8 :40**  
She / miss / her bus \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. Peter works **from 9 :00 a.m. to 5 :00 p.m.** → **it's now 5 :30 p.m.**  
Peter / finish / work \_\_\_\_\_ .


4. Children's bed time **at 10 :30 p.m.** → **it's now 11.00 p.m.**  
The children / go / to bed \_\_\_\_\_ .

5. Breakfast at 8.30 a.m., **starts school at 9.00 a.m.** → **it's now 8.55 a.m.**  
He / go / to / school \_\_\_\_\_ .


6. **Dinner at 10 :00 p.m.** → **it's 11 :00 p.m.**  
They / eat / dinner \_\_\_\_\_ .

II. Complete each sentence with a verb from the list in present perfect.

<b>buy</b>	<b>lose</b>	<b>read</b>	<b>be</b>	<b>eat</b>	<b>go</b>
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- I can't find my key. I have lost it.
- Come to see my new car. I \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ it. 
- \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ to London? No, I haven't.
- Hello, can I speak to John? No, he \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ out.
- I'm hungry. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ all the biscuits?
- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ this book? It's really interesting.

III. Translate into English :

- ¿Has probado alguna vez comida india ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
- He estado en Madrid muchas veces.  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
- El camarero acaba de traer la comida.  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
- ¿Cuánto tiempo has vivido en París ?   
\_\_\_\_\_ .
- Las vacaciones de verano se han acabado.  
\_\_\_\_\_ .

IV. Write the following sentences beginning with “Have you ever ... ?



1. Win / lottery ? **Have you ever won the lottery ?** \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Fly / in a plane ? \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Miss / your flight ? \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. See / an alien ? \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Meet / the President ? \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Climb / Mount Everest ? \_\_\_\_\_ .

V. Answer the questions from exercise I.

1. **I have never won the lottery** \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. \_\_\_\_\_ .

VI. Write sentences referring to past experiences. Use the present perfect.

1. Peter / travel / many different countries.

**Peter has travelled to many different countries**



2. Arturo Perez Reverte / write / a lot of books.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Liz Taylor / be / married eight times.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. We / do / a lot of interesting things.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. The Prince / meet / a lot of interesting people.

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VII. Translate into English :

1. ¿Cuántas veces has viajado en barco ?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Nunca he estudiado ruso.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. ¿Has visto alguna vez un OVNI ?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Mis padres se han ido a Italia.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. ¿Dónde habéis estado ?

\_\_\_\_\_

**FOR, SINCE, AGO**

I. Answer the following questions using “ago”.



1. When was your last birthday ? **Six months ago** \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. When was the last time you went to a restaurant ? \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. When was the last time you went swimming ? \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. When was the last time you had a holiday ? \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. When was the last time you were ill ? \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. When was the last time you saw your mother ? \_\_\_\_\_ .

II. Read the following sentences and then write an additional sentence using “for” and “since”.

1. Peter is home now. He arrived one hour ago.  
**Peter has been home for one hour** \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. I have a T.V. I bought it in 1992.  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Mary is studying maths. She began two hours ago.  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. I´m married. I got married in December.  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. It´s raining. It began to rain this morning.  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
6. School starts at 9 o´clock. It´s 10 :30.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ .

III. Translate into English :



1. Estudio inglés desde hace un año.

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2. ¿Cuándo te compraste la casa ? Hace dos años.

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3. Juego al tenis desde que era pequeño.

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4. Llevan casados dos años.

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5. Lleva en París desde 1994.

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**PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE?**

Exercises :

I. Answer the following questions using the words given :

1. Have you finished your homework ?  
(one hour ago) **Yes, I finished one hour ago** \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Have you seen your father ?  
(this morning) \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Have you been to John´s house ?  
(yesterday) \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Have you had lunch ?  
(at 2 o´clock) \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Have you been to the cinema this week ?  
(on Wednesday) \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Have you read this book ?  
(two years ago) \_\_\_\_\_ .

II. Right or wrong ? Correct the verb tenses.

1. Have you ever seen a rock concert ? **Right** \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. I have seen the Rolling Stones concert last year. **Wrong (I saw)** \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The Stones concert has been excellent. \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. I bought all their records after the concert. \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. How long did you know Peter ? \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. I knew him since we were at school together. \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. When did you get married to him ? \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. We have been together for over ten years. \_\_\_\_\_ .

III. Put the verbs in Present Perfect or Past Simple :

1. Paul Newman is an actor. He ***has performed*** (*perform*) in many films.
2. ***Did you see*** (*you / see*) yesterday's football match ?
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (*go*) camping last weekend.
4. A year ago I \_\_\_\_\_ (*not / speak*) English.
5. I study at university. I \_\_\_\_\_ (*study*) there for two years.
6. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (*be*) to Paris three times.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (*not / see*) you at the party on Sunday.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (*you / ever / be*) to Hawaii ?



**STILL / YET / ALREADY**

Exercises :

I. Ask Max some questions about what he used to do. Use **still**.

- Max used to :
- smoke a lot.
  - travel quite often.
  - spend holidays at the beach.
  - go to work by bus.
  - play golf.
  - play the piano in a night club.
  - work in a factory.
  - listen to folk music.



1. **Do you still smoke a lot ?** .
2. \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. \_\_\_\_\_ .

II. Write sentences about Sam using “already”.

- Sam : - left school  
- got married  
- found a job  
- been to Paris  
- met Max  
- read that book  
- seen that film  
- finished reading the newspaper



1. **Sam has already left school** \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. **He** \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. \_\_\_\_\_ .

III. Use the information about Mary to write some sentences with “yet”.

- Mary : - not finish school  
- not married  
- not find a job  
- not read that book  
- seen that film ?  
- speak to Peter ?  
- write to her parents ?  
- finish eating ?

1. **Mary hasn't finished school yet** \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. \_\_\_\_\_ .

**ABILITY**

Complete the sentences using **can** or **(be) able to**. Use **can** if possible; otherwise use **(be) able to**.

1. George has travelled a lot. He .....speak for languages.
2. I haven't.....sleep very well recently.
3. Sandra.....drive but she hasn't got a car.
4. I can't understand Martin. I've never.....understand him.
5. I used to.....stand on my head but I can't do it now.
6. I can't see you on Friday but I .....meet you on Saturday morning.
7. Ask Cathy about your problem. She might.....help you.

Complete the sentences with **can/ can't/ could/ couldn't** + one of these verbs:

**come      eat      hear      run      sleep      wait**

1. I'm afraid I .....to your party next week.
2. When Tim was 16, he was a fast runner. He.....100 metres in 11 seconds.
3. "Are you in a hurry?" "No, I've got plenty of time. I ....."
4. I was feeling sick yesterday. I .....anything.
5. Can you speak up a bit? I.....you very well.
6. "You look tired." "Yes, I .....last night

Complete the answers to the questions with **could, couldn't** or **was/were able to**.

1. My grandfather was a very clever man. He.....speak five languages.
2. I looked everywhere for the book but I .....find it.
3. They didn't want to come with us at first but we ..... Persuade them.
4. Laura had hurt her leg and ..... walk very well.
5. sue wasn't at home when I phoned but I .....contact her at her office.
6. I looked very carefully and I .....see a figure in the distance.
7. I wanted to buy some tomatoes. The first shop I went to didn't have any but I.....get some in the next shop.
8. My grandmother loved music. She.....play the piano very well.
9. A girl fell into the river but unfortunately we .....rescue her.
10. I had forgotten to bring my camera so I .....take any photographs.