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Abstract

The following presentation is about the present perfect tense. It contains its use, form, and some examples with ever/never; already/yet; just; since and for.

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PRESENT PERFECT

USE

• The present perfect is used to say what has happened recently and has an effect on the present moment.

• We often use 'just', 'yet' and 'already' to express the relationship to the present moment.
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EVER / NEVER

- We use ever in questions and statements.
  - Have you ever visited Prague?
  - Madrid is the best city I’ve ever visited.

- We use never in statements.
  - I’ve never visited America.
  - (= I haven’t visited America.)
• We use just in statements to show that an action finished only a few minutes earlier.

A: Have you finished your homework?

B: yes, I’ve just finished it.
YET / ALREADY

- We use **already** in statements and questions.
  
  - Have you done the washing up **already**?
  
  - Yes, I have. I’ve **already** done it.

- We use **yet** in questions and negatives.
  
  - Have you done the ironing **yet**?
  
  - No, I haven’t. I haven’t done the ironing **yet**.
FOR / SINCE

- We use **for** to express duration.
  - I’ve worked here **for** seven years.

- We use **since** to state a starting point.
  - I’ve worked here **since** 1992.
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