

# 11 Present perfect

I can recognize and use the present perfect to talk about past events, experiences and situations.

## Present perfect

We use the present perfect to talk about past events that are connected to the present in some way. We often use it to describe change.

*I've lost my glasses.*

(= I can't find my glasses.)

*She's visited Paris three times.*

(= She knows what Paris is like.)

We form the present perfect with the present simple of **have** and the past participle.

### Affirmative

I / we / you / they've (have) started  
he / she / it's (has) started

### Negative

I / we / you / they haven't started  
he / she / it hasn't started

### Questions

**Have** you (I / we) started?  
Yes, I (we / you / they) **have**.  
**No**, I (we / you / they) **haven't**.  
**Has** he (she / it) started?  
Yes, he (she / it) **has**.  
**No**, he (she / it) **hasn't**.

*I've lost my glasses.*



*You haven't lost them.  
They're on your head!*



Most verbs have regular past participles. They are formed like regular past simple verbs.

clean → cleaned arrive → arrived

study → studied try → tried

travel → travelled stop → stopped

*He's changed his name.*

*Have you ever tried skateboarding?*

Other verbs have an irregular past participle form. Here are some irregular past participles. For a longer list, look at page 160.

drink → drunk see → seen eat → eaten

swim → swum fall → fallen take → taken

go → been write → written

*I've written a letter.*

*Have you seen Andy?*

**\*1** Write the past participles of these regular and irregular verbs.

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| ▶ phone <u>phoned</u> | 8 chat _____   |
| 1 want _____          | 9 brush _____  |
| 2 talk _____          | 10 build _____ |
| 3 leave _____         | 11 enjoy _____ |
| 4 cry _____           | 12 fix _____   |
| 5 tell _____          | 13 plan _____  |
| 6 kick _____          | 14 think _____ |
| 7 work _____          | 15 give _____  |



**\*2** Write the past simple and past participles of these verbs.

	Past simple	Past participle
▶ know	knew	known
1 finish		
2 catch		
3 forget		
4 do		
5 put		
6 happen		
7 break		

**\*3** Complete the sentences with the present perfect. Use the verbs in brackets.

- ▶ She 's seen (see) the photo.  
 1 Paul \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the floor.  
 2 The flowers \_\_\_\_\_ (not grow) a lot.  
 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) Ernie about it.  
 4 She \_\_\_\_\_ (not do) her homework.  
 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lunch.  
 6 David \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) us.  
 7 We \_\_\_\_\_ (win)!  
 8 The film \_\_\_\_\_ (not start).

**\*4** Write questions and short answers about the pictures. Use the prompts.



▶ close / the door? Have they closed the door? No, they haven't.

- 1 pick / some flowers? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 build / a tower? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 win / the match? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 cut / the trees down? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 bring / an umbrella? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**\*5** Work in small groups. How many responses with the present perfect can you think of?

- 1 You look upset.  
 2 You look happy.  
 3 You look tired.  
 4 You look sad.

*You look upset.*

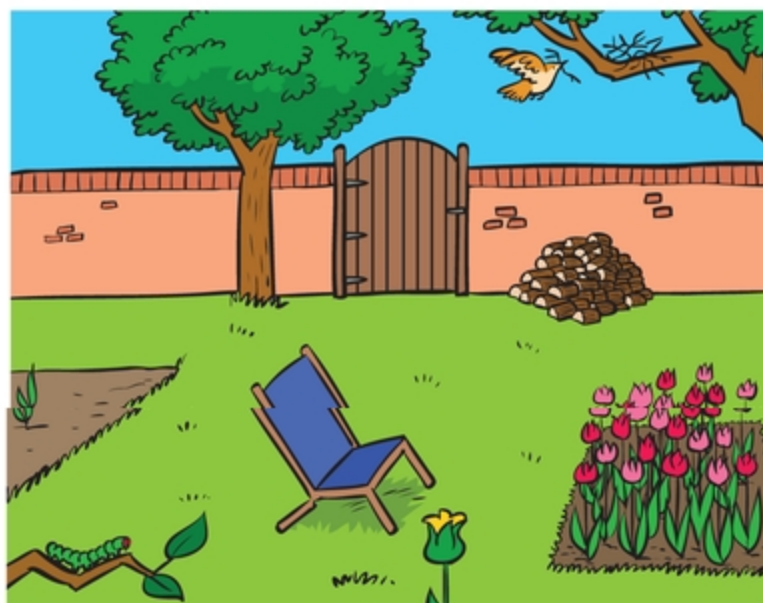
*My bike's disappeared.*

*I've lost my phone.*

**\*6** **GAME** What's changed? Work in pairs. Use the verbs in the box.

build burn change into cut down fix  
 grow open paint pick plant water

Picture 1



Picture 2



*The man has cut down the tree.*

*The bird has built a nest.*