

SIMPLE PAST & PRESENT PERFECT

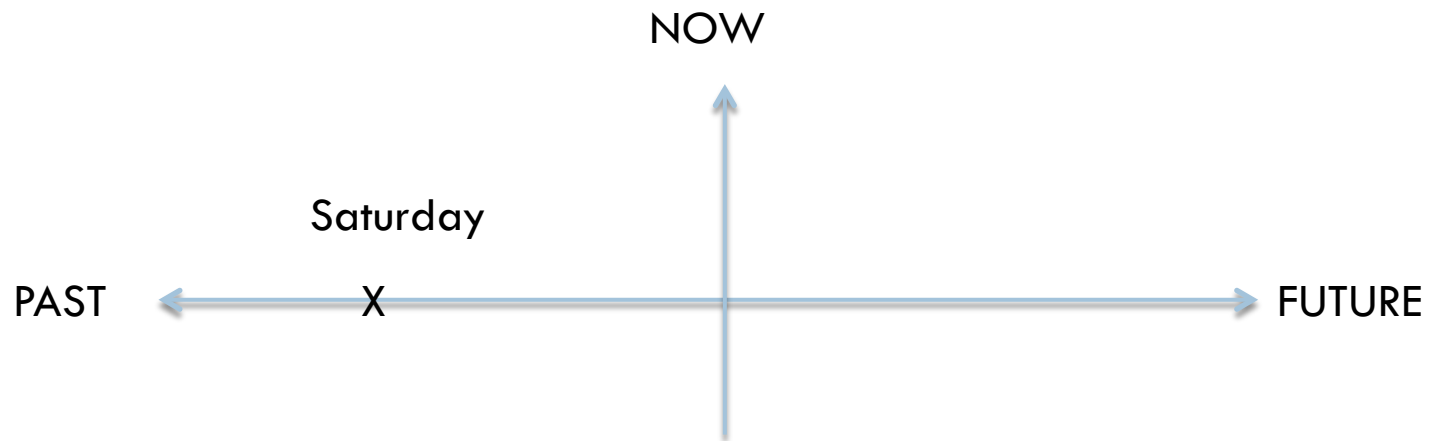


Complete the sentences with your own words

1. I got up at _____ today. (*time*)
 2. I have been awake since _____. (*time*)
 3. I have come to this class _____ times so far this month.
 4. I took my first English class in _____. (*year*)
- In which sentences does the action start and end in the past?
 - Which sentences have an action that starts in the past and continues until now?
 - What do you notice about the verb tenses?

Review: Simple Past

- We use simple past to talk about actions that begin and end in the past



I **bought** a new pair of shoes on Saturday.

Pair Activity

- With a partner, write down 3-4 complete sentences describing what you did over the weekend.
- Identify all of the past tense verbs
 - ▣ Examples:
 - ▣ I **walked** to the café yesterday.
 - ▣ I **bought** a new pair of shoes on Saturday.

Discussion Questions

- What are the differences between the simple past and present perfect?
- How can you recognize present perfect?
- When do you use present perfect?

Present Perfect: Form

- Affirmative: Subject + Have / Has + Past Participle
 - *Flight 24 has arrived at gate 17C.*

- Negative: Subject + Haven't / Hasn't + Past Participle
 - *We have not received approval for take off.*

- Question: Have / Has + Subject + Past Participle
 - *Have you traveled to China?*

Using have/has is a good sign the present perfect may be in use.

Partner Practice

- Work in pairs to complete each sentence

Subject	Have	Past Participle	Rest of the Sentence
I	have	studied	for the exam.
You	haven't	bought	...
He	has	eaten	my chocolate.
She	hasn't	written	...
It	has	been	cold this month.
We	haven't	won	...
You	have	tried	to learn something new.
They	haven't	forgotten	...

Partner Practice

- Work in pairs to complete each sentence

Have	Subject	Past Participle	Rest of the Sentence
Have	I	been	...?
Have	you	bought	a new computer?
Has	he	eaten	...?
Has	she	written	the report?
Has	it	started	...?
Have	we	won	the contract?
Have	you	kept	...?
Have	they	flown	the aircraft?

When to use Present Perfect?

- Talking about...
 - Experience
 - Change over time
 - Accomplishments
 - Uncompleted action you are expecting
 - Multiple actions across time

Using present perfect may have more to do with our current view (now) of events rather than when they actually happened.

Think, Write, and Share

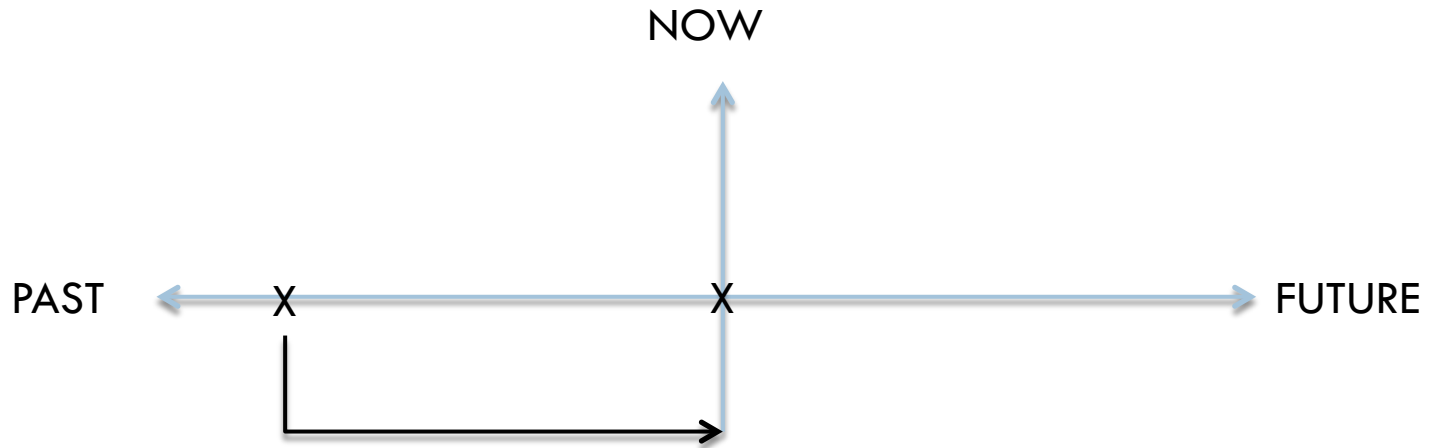
- Think of some interesting and unusual things you have done in the past.
- Write 4-6 sentences, some of them true some of them false.
- Share your sentences with a partner.
- Guess if your partner's sentences are true or false.

Think, Write, and Share

- I have lived in Antarctica.
- I have walked on The Great Wall of China.
- I have built my own home.
- I have traveled in 21 different countries.

When to use Present Perfect?

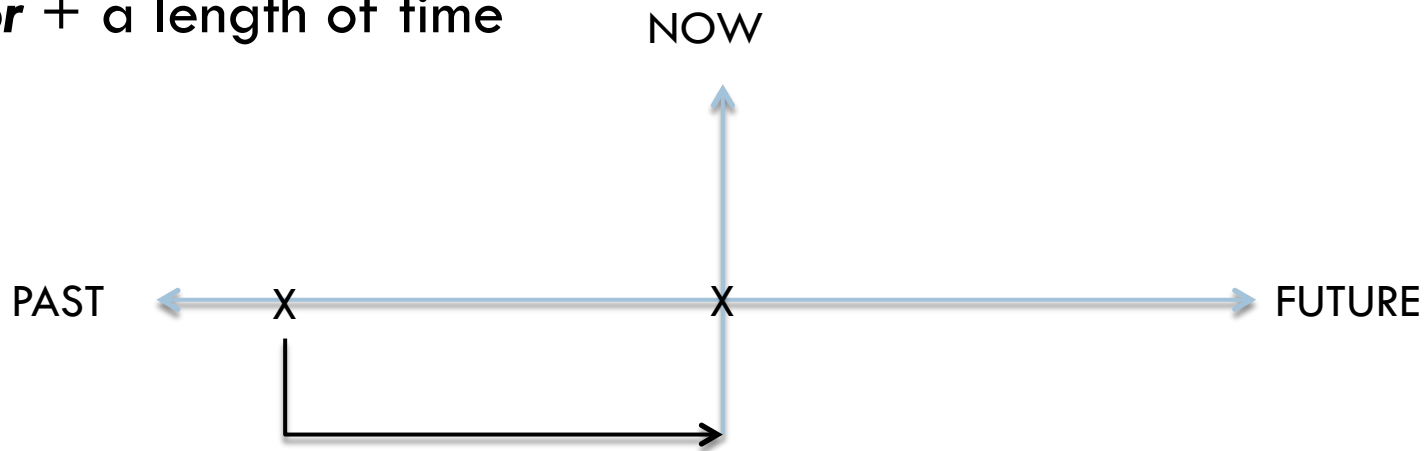
- An action that occurred sometime in the past, but has a result in the present (now)



We can't find our luggage. Have you seen it?

When to use Present Perfect?

- To talk about an action that began sometime in the past and have not changed up to now.
- **since** + a specific point in time
- **for** + a length of time

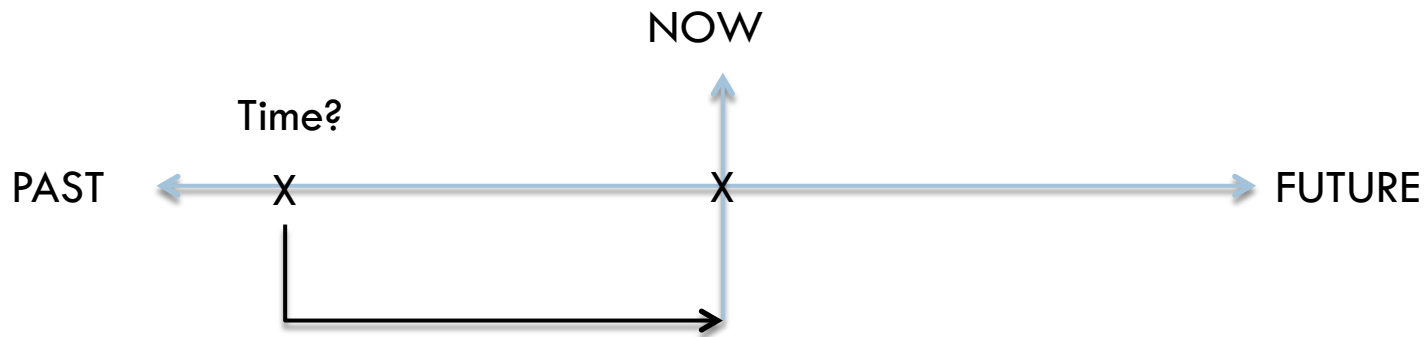


Alice has worked at Emirates for 3 years.

Bob has been a Flight officer since September of last year.

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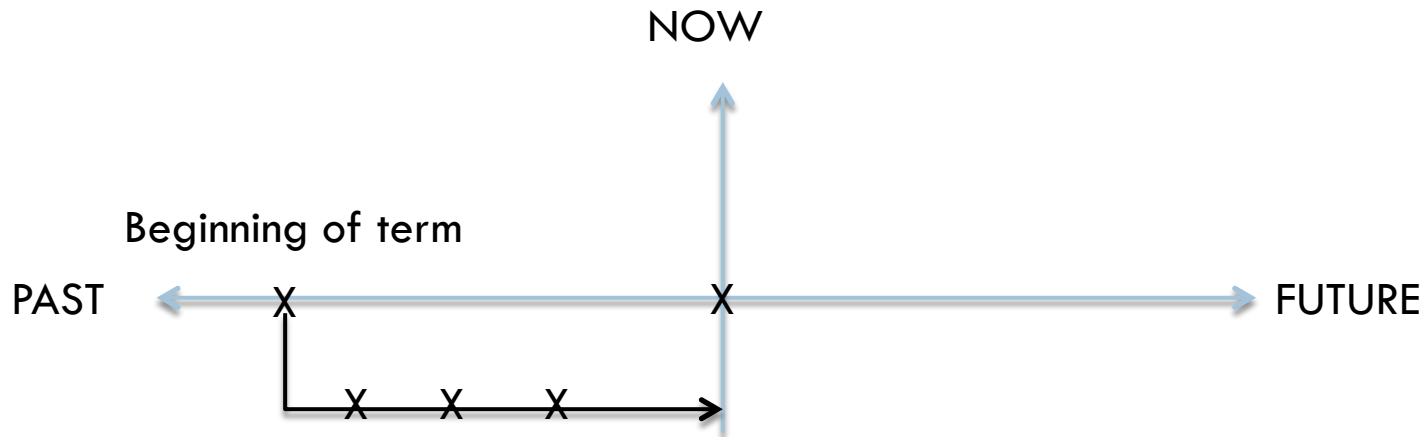
- To talk about general experiences (*ever/never*) or events that have or haven't happened.
- The exact time may be unstated.
- ***ever, never, yet, still, already*** are often used with present perfect.



Has she ever traveled alone before?
Are Carlos and Rodrigo here? No, they
haven't arrived yet.

When to use Present Perfect?

- To talk about an event that has happened repeatedly or continuously in the past up to now.
- The event may happen again. (so far)



We have had three tests so far this term.

The value of the stock has doubled in the last year.

Simple Past vs. Present Perfect

- The simple past may be used with ***specific time*** references: *yesterday, last year, 2011*
- Past Perfect will often use more general time adverbs: *already, since, yet*

Of course there are always exceptions! Can you think of a present perfect sentence using yesterday or last year?

Simple Past vs. Present Perfect

- The simple past is used for a completed time period.
 - ▣ *My grandfather loved to travel.*
- Use present perfect to talk about a time period that has not ended.
 - ▣ *My grandfather loves to travel.*

Simple Past vs. Present Perfect

- Present perfect is used for an indefinites versus a definite question.
 - ▣ Have you ever visited Toronto?
 - ▣ Did you visit Toronto? (You said you went to Canada last year)

Verb Changes

- Verb conjugation refers to how a verb changes to show a different person, tense, number or mood.
- Many verbs have the same simple past and present perfect (past participle) forms but many do not.

If you are unsure which verb form to use look it up!

Worksheet

- Try to complete as many of the sentences as you can then compare you answers with a partner.

Wrap-up Questions

- What are the differences between the simple past and present perfect?
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Additional Resources

- **British Council: Present Perfect Quiz:**
<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/verbs/present-tense/present-perfect>
- **Grammar Girl: Mixing Verb Tenses:**
<http://www.quickanddirtytips.com/education/grammar/mixing-verb-tenses>
- **English Club Present Perfect Quiz:**
http://www.englishclub.com/grammar/verb-tenses_present-perfect_quiz.htm