

Present Perfect Exercises

Level: A2, B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

How the present perfect works

The present perfect connects the past to now: it talks about experiences, and about things that started in the past and still matter now.

Form: have/has + past participle (I have worked, she has gone)

Use 1 — Experience: Things you have done at some time in your life: "I have visited Japan."

Use 2 — Unfinished time: Situations that started in the past and continue now, often with for/since: "She has lived here since 2020."

Use 3 — Present result: Past actions with a visible result now: "I have lost my keys (so I can't get in)."

Signal words: ever, never, just, already, yet, for, since

Exercise 1: Choose the correct form

Select the correct option to complete each sentence.

- I ___ in this city since 2019.
a) have lived b) live c) lived
- She ___ her homework, so she can watch TV now.
a) has finish b) has finished c) has finishing
- ___ you ever ___ to Australia?
a) Did / been b) Have / been c) Has / been
- They ___ the new museum yet.
a) haven't visited b) hasn't visited c) don't visit
- We ___ each other for more than ten years.
a) know b) have known c) knew

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences

Type the present perfect form of the verb in brackets.

- I ___ my keys — can you help me look for them? (lose)
- She ___ three books this month. (read)
- We ___ such a big dog before. (see — use never)
- My parents ___ in the same house since 1998. (live)
- He ___ the office, so call him on his phone. (leave — use just)

Exercise 3: Put the words in order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

11. Put the words in the correct order: **never / I / have / sushi / eaten**

12. Put the words in the correct order: **you / finished / yet / have / the report / ?**

13. Put the words in the correct order: **has / how long / she / here / worked / ?**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **lunch / already had / we / have**

Exercise 4: True or false?

Decide if each statement about the present perfect is true or false.

15. The sentence "I have seen that film last week" is correct. True / False

16. "She has been to Paris" means she visited Paris and came back. True / False

17. We use 'since' with a period of time, like 'since two hours'. True / False

18. 'Yet' is normally used in questions and negative sentences. True / False

19. We can use the present perfect with the word 'ago', as in "I have met him two years ago." True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the correct form

1. a) have lived
2. b) has finished
3. b) Have / been
4. a) haven't visited
5. b) have known

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences

6. have lost / 've lost
7. has read / 's read
8. have never seen / 've never seen
9. have lived / 've lived
10. has just left / 's just left

Exercise 3: Put the words in order

11. I have never eaten sushi
12. have you finished the report yet ?
13. how long has she worked here ?
14. we have already had lunch

Exercise 4: True or false?

15. False
16. True
17. False
18. True
19. False