

GRAMMAR – *The Present Perfect Tense*

The present perfect is used for actions that started in the past and continue in the present AND when we are talking about our experiences up to the present. The present perfect tense uses the past participle of a verb.

To form the present perfect in the **affirmative**, use the formula:

Subject + have + past participle

The verb 'have' must always be conjugated in the third person singular.

I have been to Chicago.

She has visited her parents in Chicago.

To form the present perfect in the **negative**, use the formula:

Subject + have not + past participle

You haven't gone to Houston.

He hasn't gone to Miami.

To form **questions** in the present perfect, use the formula:

Have + subject + past participle?

Have you driven to New York?

Has she ever met a celebrity?

She has never.

We use '**ever**' in questions about experiences in someone's life. We only use '**ever**' in questions, not in answers.

We use '**never**' to talk about things you have not done at any time in your life. We use '**never**' in answers, not in questions.

Write about six exciting things you have done in your life:

COMMON VERBS

Base verb	Past Participle
be	been
break	broken
bring	brought
buy	bought
do	done
draw	drawn
drink	drunk
drive	driven
eat	eaten
fall	fallen
feed	fed
feel	felt
find	found
fly	flown
forget	forgotten
get	got / gotten
give	given
go	gone
grow	grown
have	had
hear	heard

hide	hidden
know	known
learn	learned
leave	left
make	made
ring	rung
see	seen
show	shown
sing	sung
sleep	slept
take	taken
teach	taught
think	thought
wear	worn
write	written