

Past Participle

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1. Explanation

1. What is a Past Participle?

A past participle is a verb form used in perfect tenses (like the Present Perfect) and in the passive voice. It is often the third form of a verb.

✓ Example of verb forms:

Base Form	Past Simple	Past Participle
go	went	gone
eat	ate	eaten
buy	bought	bought
write	wrote	written
see	saw	seen

2. How Do We Use Past Participles?

A) In the Present Perfect

We use the past participle with have/has to form the Present Perfect:

● Examples:

- ✓ I have seen that movie before.
- ✓ She has finished her work.
- ✓ They have never been to Japan.

B) In the Passive Voice

We use the past participle with be (am, is, are, was, were, been, being) to form the passive:

● Examples:

- ✓ The book was written by J.K. Rowling.
- ✓ The house has been sold.
- ✓ The cake was made by my grandmother.

C) As an Adjective

Past participles can also be used as adjectives:

● Examples:

- ✓ I am tired.
- ✓ The door is closed.
- ✓ She looks confused.

3. Regular vs. Irregular Past Participles

Regular verbs form the past participle by adding -ed

Base Form	Past Simple	Past Participle
play	played	played
work	worked	worked
start	started	started

Irregular verbs have different forms that must be memorized:

Base Form	Past Simple	Past Participle
take	took	taken
speak	spoke	spoken
drink	drank	drunk

2. Practice Sentences (Fill in the Correct Past Participle)

She has ___ (go) to the store.

I have ___ (see) that movie before.

They have ___ (write) a letter to their friend.

We have ___ (eat) too much food.

He has ___ (buy) a new phone.

The cake was ___ (make) by my mom.

Have you ever ___ (be) to France?

She has ___ (speak) to her boss.

They have ___ (drink) all the juice.

The book was ___ (read) by millions of people.

Have you ___ (take) my pen?

The door was ___ (close) when I arrived.

I have ___ (meet) many interesting people.

She has ___ (give) me a gift.

He has ___ (run) 10 kilometers today.

The homework has been ___ (do).

We have __ (choose) the best hotel.
The windows were __ (break) in the storm.
She has __ (wear) that dress before.
I have never __ (drive) a car.
Have they __ (build) a new house?
The food was __ (serve) hot.
He has __ (forget) his wallet at home.
Have you ever __ (sing) in public?
The table was __ (move) to the other room.
She has __ (send) an email.
I have __ (lose) my keys.
The message has been __ (receive).
They have __ (think) about the problem.
He has __ (fall) off his bike.
The package was __ (deliver) yesterday.
Have you __ (hear) the news?
I have __ (keep) this secret for years.
She has __ (swim) in the ocean.
We have __ (break) a world record.
The law was __ (change) last year.
He has __ (bring) some flowers.
The story has been __ (tell) many times.
Have you __ (leave) your bag here?
She has __ (grow) a beautiful garden.
I have never __ (sleep) in a tent.
They have __ (catch) a big fish.
He has __ (teach) English for ten years.
The letter was __ (write) carefully.
She has __ (hide) the gift.
We have __ (spend) too much money.
Have you __ (hold) a baby before?
The house was __ (paint) last week.
He has __ (sell) his old car.
I have __ (fly) on an airplane many times.

3. Answer Key

gone
seen
written
eaten
bought
made

been
spoken
drunk
read
taken
closed
met
given
run
done
chosen
broken
worn
driven
built
served
forgotten
sung
moved
sent
lost
received
thought
fallen
delivered
heard
kept
swum
broken
changed
brought
told
left
grown
slept
caught
taught
written
hidden
spent
held
painted
sold

flown

4. Conversation Questions to Practice the Present Perfect (Using Past Participles)

Have you ever traveled to another country?

Have you ever eaten sushi?

Have you ever met a famous person?

What is the most interesting book you have read?

Have you ever driven a motorcycle?

What countries have you visited?

Have you ever swum in the ocean?

Have you ever written a poem or a story?

Have you ever sung in front of other people?

What is the best meal you have ever had?

Have you ever spoken to a foreigner?

Have you ever taken a difficult test?

Have you ever lost something important?

Have you ever ridden a horse?

Have you ever been in a helicopter?

Have you ever caught a big fish?

What is the best place you have ever visited?

Have you ever forgotten an important date?

Have you ever broken a bone?

Have you ever watched a movie more than five times?