

PRESENT PERFECT TENSE EXPLANATION WITH WORKSHEET AND ANSWERS PDF



The Present Perfect Form

Positive Form (Present Perfect Tense)



Affirmative	Auxiliary Verb	Past Participle
She/He/It	has ('s)	slept/worked
I/We/You/They	have ('ve)	slept/worked



Negative	Auxiliary Verb	Past Participle
She/He/It	has not (hasn't)	slept/worked
I/We/You/They	have not (haven't)	slept/worked



Questions	Auxiliary Verb	Subject	Past Participle
Where/What	have	I/we/you/they	done/worked/slept
Where/What	has	she/he/it	done/worked/slept



Short Answers	Auxiliary Verb	Past Participle
Yes	we/you/they/I-----> have	slept/worked
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Regular verbs use -ed form as the past participle. Irregular verbs have irregular forms.

verb

wait (regular)
see (irregular)

past simple

waited
saw

past participle

waited
seen



Note: You must practice and memorize the horrible list of irregular verbs.

When to use the present perfect tense?

- to describe an event in the past without a definite time.

Example: Someone **has broken** a window in our classroom.

- to describe what someone has completed or achieved in a period of time.

Example: I've **finished** my homework, and I've **cleaned** my room.

- to describe how many things someone has done.

Example: Scientists **have found** more than 30 unknown Insects.

- to describe someone's experiences, what he or she has done in life.

Example: I've **travelled** by plane, but I **haven't flown** in a helicopter.

- to describe changes, comparing past and present.

Example: Our climate **has become** much warmer.





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- 5 This means that fish populations (grow)smaller.
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- 7 The population of North Sea cod, for example, (reach) a dangerous level.
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2 Use the prompts to make a question.

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It's Europe's second smallest country.
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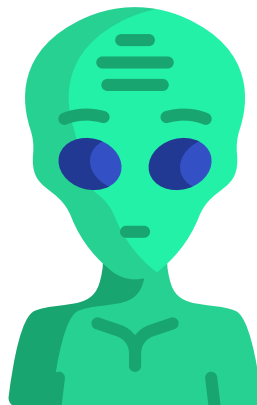
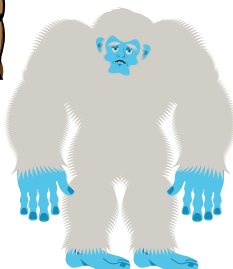
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