# The Present Perfect Verb have + past participle

We use the Present Perfect to talk about: **(1) Actions that began in the past and continue to the present**

**or have a result in the present.**

**(πράξεις που ξεκίνησαν στο παρελθόν και ή συνεχίζονται στο**

**παρόν ή το αποτέλεσμα τους το βλέπουμε στο παρόν)**

**Key words:**

**For, since, how long, recently, lately, so far, in the last few days, this year, this month, just, yet, already, ever, never, etc.**

**(2) Actions that happened in a period of time which has**

**not finished yet.**

**(πράξεις που έγιναν σε χρονική περίοδο που δεν έχει τελειώσει**

**ακόμα)**

**(3) Actions that happened in the past but we don't know**

**"when"(πράξεις που έγιναν στο παρελθόν αλλά σε**

**απροσδιόριστο χρόνο)**

**(4) Με τα επιρρήματα: just, yet, already, ever, never, the first time**

**Examples :**

**(1)** They have **lived** in London **since 1985. (3)** He **has bought** an expensive car.

She **has worked** in this bank **for 10 years.** Where is John? He **has gone out.**

**How long have** you **had** your car**?** The road is closed. There **has been** an accident.

**Tom has lost** his keys. (he doesn't have them now)

He told me his name but **I have forgotten** it.

(I can't remember it now)

**(2) I have drunk** four cups of coffee **today. (4)** She **has just finished** her project**.**

**Have** you **had** a holiday **this year?**  They **have already packed** their suitcase.

**I have typed** 10 letters **this morning. Have** you **ever visited** Disneyland?

**Have** you **seen** Ben **recently?**  I **have never seen** such a tall building.

**I've met** a lot of people **in the last few days.** He **hasn't posted** the letter **yet.**

We **haven't had** any problems **so far. It's the first time** he **has driven** a car.

**HAVE BEEN / HAVE GONE**

Jane is on holiday. She **has gone** to Spain. (she is in Spain now!)

Jane **has been** to Spain (she is back home now!)

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| **Past Simple** | **Present Perfect** |
| 1. Shakespeare **wrote** many plays. 2. John **went out** ten minutes ago. 3. Jane **lived** in London when she was a student. (she is not a student any more) 4. Ben **went** to Paris twice last year. | 1. Theodorakis **has written** many symphonies. 2. John **has gone** out. 3. Jane **has lived** in London since she became a student. (she is still a student) 4. Ben **has been** to Paris twice. (so far) |

**Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct form : *Past Simple or Present Perfect***

1. "Where's your key?" "I don't know. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lose) it."
2. Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Australia but she's back again now.
3. Ann \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me her address but I'm afraid I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (forgot) it.
4. They are still building the new road. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/finish) it yet.
5. The Chinese \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (invent) printing.
6. The police \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrest) three people but later they let them go.
7. My sister is a writer. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write) three books.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/meet) my brother? Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) him at a party last winter.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write) to her three months ago but I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/ hear) from her ever since.
10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/take) your test last week? Yes, but the results \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/come) out yet.
11. It's the first time I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ride) a motorbike!
12. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) an argument some time ago and they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/speak) to each other for more than three months!
13. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (build) their house last year but they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (just/move).
14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/ever/work) for such a large organization before?
15. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) two years since I last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) camping.
16. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (promote) him twice in the last few months.
17. What time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (he/come) back home last night?
18. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) a holiday for four years.
19. The bed was very uncomfortable. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/sleep) at all last night.
20. Can I speak to Jane, please? I'm afraid she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.

# The Present Perfect Continuous Verb have + been + verb-ing

We use the Present Perfect Continuous to talk about: **(1) Actions those began in the past and continue to the**

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**παρόν ή το αποτέλεσμα τους το βλέπουμε στο παρόν)**

**Key words:**

**For, since, how long, all morning / afternoon / week, etc.**

**Θέλουμε να δώσουμε έμφαση στη διάρκεια της πράξης.**

**(2)** Με τα stative verbs χρησιμοποιούμε **Present**

**Perfect Simple** ενώ με τα ρήματα **work, live και**

**feel** χρησιμοποιούμε και τους δύο χρόνους χωρίς

διαφορά στο νόημα.

1. I **have been waiting** for the bus for the past hour.

Bill is in the garden. He **has been planting** trees all day.

Anne **has been exercising** a lot recently. That’s why she has lost weight.

Jenny is really tired. She **has been working** hard all week.

1. I have known (όχι ~~I have been knowing~~) Sharon since we were at school together.

He has been living / has lived here since 1994.

1. **Fill in the blanks with the correct tense Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous.**
2. Amanda ………………………..(open) a shop which sells newspapers and magazines.
3. Where’s Dan? He ………………………………….. (just/ go) to the bank. He’ll be back soon.
4. Dan ……………………………………..(learn) to drive for the past six months but he hasn’t passed his driving test yet.
5. “My uncle is painting his house.” “Again? He …………………………….. (paint) it three times this year.
6. “Is Paul still sleeping?” “Yes, he ………………………………… (sleep) since 10 o’ clock last night.
7. **Fill in the blanks with the correct tense: Present Simple, Present Continuous, Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous.**
8. Everything is white. It …………………………….(snow) all night.
9. ………………………..(you/ buy) any new clothes this week?
10. Some birds ……………………(fly) to warmer climates in the winter.
11. I’m still waiting for an answer. They ………………………………..(not make)up their minds yet.
12. I …………………………… (write) this letter because it …………………………… (seem) to me that

far too many changes …………………..………..(take) place in my country these days, and, as a result, we ………………………………….(lose) our identity.

1. They …………………………………. (have) lunch at the moment. – You shouldn’t disturb them. 7.
2. They ……………………………………(live) in San Francisco since they arrived in the USA 20 years

ago.

1. They ………………………………………(not / deliver) our new refrigerator yet, but they will any day now.
2. The watch …………………………………… (belong) to my grandmother.
3. Our daughter ………………………………….(wear) lipstick since she was 16 (wear).
4. What ……………………………… (your dad / do) for a living? - He is a government official but he quit his job a few weeks ago. – And what ………………………………(he / do) now? – At the moment he ………………………………………(look) for a new job.
5. …………………………………… (you / do) anything this evening? No, I ………………………….. (stay) at home this evening because I ……………………….. (be) tired.
6. More and more people …………………………….. (move) from the countryside to the cities.
7. Spanish food ………………………………(taste) delicious!
8. Our plane …………………………….. (leave) Paris at 11:00 and ………………………….. (arrive) in New York at 13:30.