

# Present Perfect

## 1. Choose the most suitable tense. The first example is done for you.

1. Did you see / **Have you seen** my bag anywhere? I can't find it.
2. Larry is writing / has been writing / has written his novel for the last two years without getting further than Chapter One.
3. From the minute he got up this morning Gary asked / has asked / has been asking silly questions!
4. Have you given / Did you give Helen my message when you have seen / saw her?
5. Sorry, could you say that again? I didn't listen / haven't listened / haven't been listening to you.
6. The police think that they found / have found your missing wallet, so call this number.
7. I don't think we'll go swimming after all because the weather changed / has changed / has been changing.
8. How was your holiday in Italy? Did you visit / Have you visited lots of interesting places?.
9. Did you two meet / Have you two met before? Eric, this is Amanda.
10. Did you meet / Have you met anyone interesting at the reception?

## 2. Put each verb in brackets into a suitable tense. The first sentence is done for you.

1. I'm sorry about not coming last week. I (have) **had** a cold and so I (stay) **stayed** at home.
2. Wait a minute. I (have) ..... an idea. Let's go and see Roger. We last (see) ..... Him a long time ago.
3. It's nice to be back here in London. This is the second time I (come) ..... here.
4. I'm phoning about your advertisement for a bicycle for sale, which I (see) .....in the local paper. (you sell) ..... it? Or is it still available?
5. This place is in a terrible mess! What on earth (you do) .....?
6. And now for an item of local news. Hampshire police (find) ..... the dangerous snake which (go) .....missing earlier in the week.
7. This tooth (kill) .....me lately! So I (make) .....an appointment with the dentist for Tuesday.
8. I can't give you the report I (promise) .....for today because I (not finish) ..... .
9. Harry (not look) .....well since he (go) ..... on a diet.
10. It says in the paper that they (discover) .....oil in Wales. They (look for) .....it for ages.

## 3. Choose the most suitable time expression. The first sentence is done for you.

1. I haven't seen Gerry **for** / since a long time. How is he?
2. It's ages ago / since I last went to a football match.

3. I've written to Deborah last week / recently .
4. What have you been doing today / yesterday?
5. Have you eaten Italian food before / already?
6. I've been living here in / since the end of last year.
7. Actually I had dinner with Sue last night / lately.
8. I've been trying to get in touch with David for ages / for the last time.
9. Terry hasn't been to Edinburgh since / when we went there together.
10. I can't remember how long / when I've had this watch.

**4. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words.**

1. Steve started learning the violin a month ago /learning/.  
Steve **has been learning** the violin for a month.
2. I haven't been to an Indian restaurant for ages /since/.  
It's ages.....an Indian restaurant.
3. When she heard the results, Mary began to feel more confident /become/.  
Since hearing the results ..... more confident.
4. The last time Nancy came here was in 1986 /since/.  
Nancy hasn't ..... 1986.
5. This is my first visit to Japan /time/.  
This is my first ..... to Japan.
6. How long have Helen and Robert been married? /get/  
When ..... married?
7. Jack bought those trousers last month, and has been wearing them ever since. /for/  
Jack has .....a mont .
8. It's a long time since our last conversation. /spoken/  
We .....long time.
9. Thanks, but I had something to eat earlier. /already/  
Thanks, but I've .....eat.
10. This is my first game of water-polo. /played/  
I.....before.

**5. Put each verb in brackets into either the present perfect simple or the present continuous.**

1. Someone (eat) **has eaten** all the cakes. I'll have to buy some more.
2. What (you buy) .....your sister for her birthday?
3. My throat is really sore. I (sing) .....all evening.
4. Brenda (learn) .....Russian, but she finds it difficult.
5. How many people (you invite) ..... to your party?

6. Those two cats (sit) ..... on that branch for the last hour.
7. It (rain) .....all day! Why can't it stop!
8. Diana (wear) .....twelve different dresses in the past week!
9. I (do) .....everything you asked. What should I do now?
10. Graham and Pauline (try) .....to find a house for ages, but they can't find one they can afford.

**5. Look carefully at each line. Some line are correct, but some have a word which should not be there. Tick each correct line. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in the space.**

Dear Mrs Sangster,

Just a quick note to explain what we have been done  
 so far this month. The work on the kitchen has gone  
 well so far, although we haven't already finished  
 knocking down the outside wall yet. So I wrote  
 to you last week and have explained that two of  
 my workmen were ill. They have quite recovered  
 now, I am glad to say, and they have came back  
 to work yesterday. As the weather has been bad  
 we have been work inside most of the time, and  
 all the painting is now been finished. We have  
 also put in a new window in the kitchen, as you  
 have instructed in your last letter. As you  
 have not been visiting here for two weeks  
 we have not had the chance to discuss the walls.  
 When we checked them we have discovered  
 that they are in dangerous condition, I'll  
 let you know what we have do to them.  
 Best wishes,  
 Andrew Turner, Bulider

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