

# 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. has been writing
3. has been asking
4. Did you give, saw
5. haven't been listening
6. have found
7. has changed
8. Did you visit
9. Have you two met
10. Did you meet

## 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. have / have had, saw
3. have come
4. saw, Have you sold
5. have you been doing
6. have found, went
7. has been killing, have made
8. promised, haven't finished
9. hasn't been looking / hasn't looked, went
10. have discovered, have been looking for

## 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. since
3. recently
4. today
5. before
6. since
7. last night
8. for ages
9. since
10. how long

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. since I went to
3. Mary has become
4. been here since
5. time I have been
6. did Helen and Robert get
7. been wearing those trousers for
8. haven't spoken for a
9. already had something to
10. haven't played water-polo / have never played water-polo

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. have you bought
3. have been singing
4. has been learning
5. have you invited
6. have been sitting
7. has been raining
8. has worn
9. have done
10. have been trying

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.

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| Dear Mrs Sangster,                                  |              |
| Just a quick note to explain what we have been done | been         |
| so far this month. The work on the kitchen has gone | ✓            |
| well so far, although we haven't already finished   | 1. already   |
| knocking down the outside wall yet. So I wrote      | 2. so        |
| to you last week and have explained that two of     | 3. have      |
| my workmen were ill. They have quite recovered      | 4. ✓         |
| now, I am glad to say, and they have came back      | 5. have      |
| to work yesterday. As the weather has been bad      | 6. ✓         |
| we have been work inside most of the time, and      | 7. work      |
| all the painting is now been finished. We have      | 8. been      |
| also put in a new window in the kitchen, as you     | 9. ✓         |
| have instructed in your last letter. As you         | 10. have     |
| have not been visiting here for two weeks           | 11. visiting |

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| we have not had the chance to discuss the walls. | 12. /    |
| When we checked them we have discovered          | 13. have |
| that they are in dangerous condition, I'll       | 14. /    |
| let you know what we have do to them.            | 15. have |
| Best wishes,                                     |          |
| Andrew Turner, Bulider                           |          |