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Mintrabajo

Past simple VS present perfect

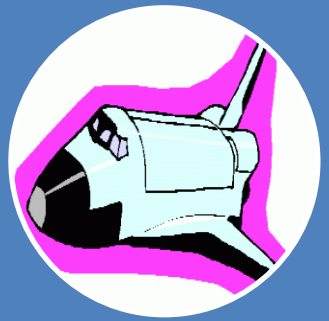
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Past



Present



Future

Past simple

1. We use it with ***finished actions, states*** or ***habits*** in the past when we have a finished time word (***yesterday, last week, at 2 o'clock, in 2003***).
2. We use it with ***finished actions, states*** or ***habits*** in the past when we know from general knowledge that *the time period has finished*. This includes when the person we are talking about is dead.
3. We use it with ***finished actions, states*** or ***habits*** in the past that we have *introduced* with the *present perfect* or *another tense*. This is sometimes called 'details of news'.
4. For ***stories*** or ***lists of events***, we often use the past simple for the ***actions in the story*** and the ***past continuous*** for the ***background***.

- I went to the cinema yesterday.



- We spent a lot of time in Japan in 2007.



Present perfect

Is a complexed time tense, it is used when we want to talk about something that happened in the past but has a result or an effect on the present time.

So it is used to link the past with the present, yet it can be used in many other situations like:

1. Something that happened in the past and has a result in the present:

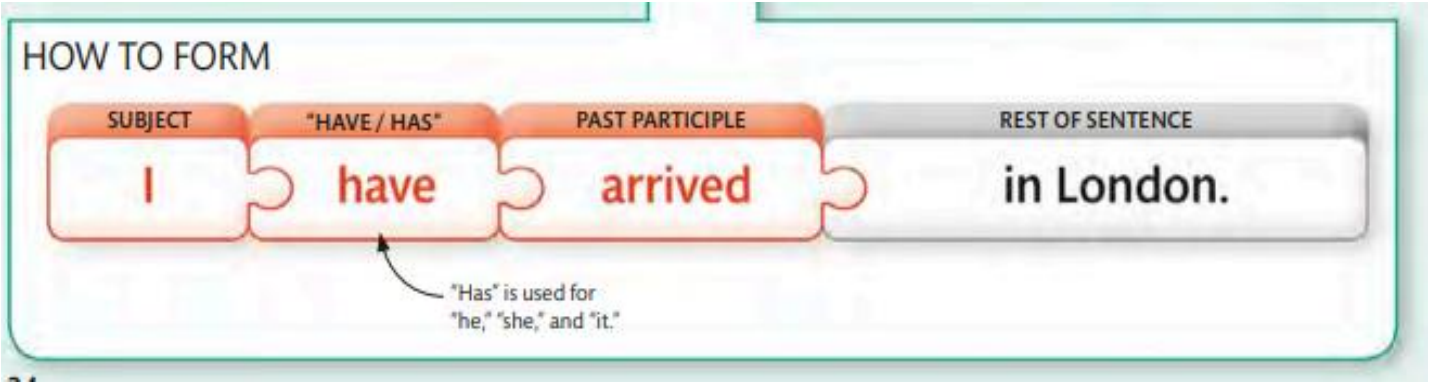
   I have lost my car keys. (So I can't get in my car)

2. Something that happened in the past and still is happening now. Unfinished events

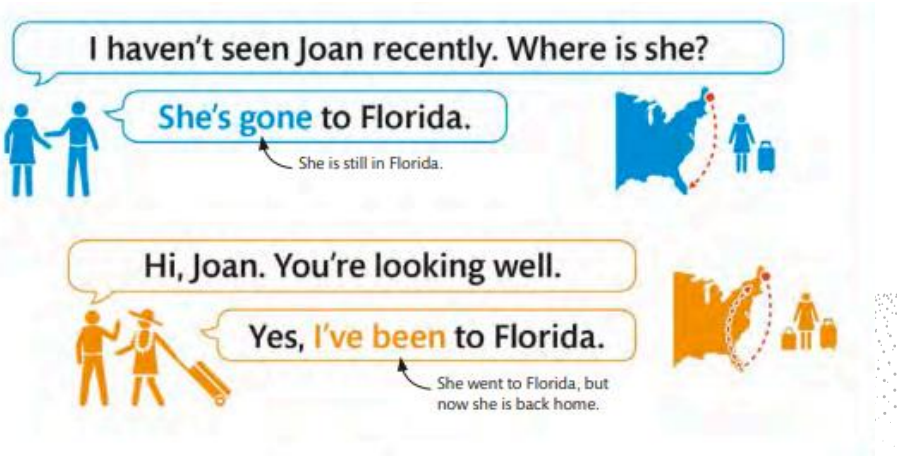
   I have known Leila since 1998. (I still know her now)

3. Something that happened in the recent past:

   Look, I have cooked dinner for us.



Side Note: be and go both can be used in the present perfect to talk about going somewhere, but they have different meanings.



Excercise

- **Part A.**

Directions: Complete each **statement** with the verb in the present perfect tense. (10 points)

1. He _____ _____ Mexico many times. (visit)
2. John and Emily _____ _____ there also. (be)
3. It _____ _____ twice this week. (snow)
4. I _____ _____ a doctor about my backache. (see)

Answers

- **Part A.**

Directions: Complete each **statement** with the verb in the present perfect tense. (10 points)

- 1. He **has visited** Mexico many times. (visit)
- 2. John and Emily **have been** there also. (be)
- 3. It **has snowed** twice this week. (snow)
- 4. I **have seen** a doctor about my backache. (see)



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