

The present perfect: introduction

Use

The present perfect is used for finished actions or past events which are connected to or continue in the present.

<i>Some uses of the present perfect</i>				
Use	To describe past experience when we don't know when they happened	To describe recent events	To describe events or actions with results in the present	To describe events or actions which started in the past and continue to the present
Example	Christine has been to New Zealand, but she's never been to Namibia	Vanessa has just moved to Bristol	They have upgraded our tickets to first class!	I've worked in Birmingham for six years

Form

the present perfect uses *has* or *have* and the *past participle of verbs*, e.g waited, stopped, been, gone.

When speaking, the contracted form of *have* and *has* is used

They've (*They have*)

I've (*I have*)

Haven't (*have not*)

It's (*it has*)

	Has or have	Past participle of verb	
Sentence	Sabina's	visited	France twice this month
Negative	You haven't	cooked	this very well
Question	Have you	arrived	yet?