



ODI 5 Part 3 – Unit 6

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What is “present perfect tense” ?

Do you know how to use phrases like:

She's called every day this week,

I've broken my leg

and *Have you ever been to Scotland?*



Look at these examples to see how the present perfect is used.

He's been to ten different countries.

I haven't seen her today.

My phone's run out of battery. Can I use yours?

Have you ever dyed your hair a different color?

Grammar Explanation:

We use the present perfect simple (*have* or *has* + past participle) to talk about past actions or states which are still connected to the present.

For example:

I've had two cups of coffee today.

I've spoken to John this week.

Unfinished times

Is yesterday finished? Yes! So we use past simple tense to talk about things we did yesterday.

Example: I went to swimming pool yesterday. I had a lot of fun.

Is today finished? No! So today is an unfinished time. We can use present perfect to talk about the things we have done today.

Example: I have gone to the park today. It has been a great time.

Finished times	Unfinished times
Yesterday	Today
Last week	This week
Last month	This month
2 years ago	This year

We often use the present perfect to say what we've done in an unfinished time period, such as today, this week, this year, etc.

For example:

They've been on holiday twice this year.

We haven't had a lot of fun this week.

We also use it to talk about life experiences, as our life is also an unfinished time period.

For example:

I've worked for six different companies.

He's never won a gold medal.

Have you ever been to Australia?

I'm sure I've seen that movie before!

But what about finished times?

We use past simple for them.

Examples:

We knew all our neighbours when we were children.

I didn't like bananas for a really long time. Now I love them!

We visited Russia for the first time in 1992.

She worked in several different countries.

I/ you/ we/ they + **have** + past participle.

He/ She/ it + **has** + past participle.

Present perfect format

Some useful verbs

V1 (Base Form)	V2 (Simple Past)	V3 (Past Participle)
Be	Was / Were	Been
Have	Had	Had
Do	Did	Done
Go	Went	Gone
Eat	Ate	Eaten
Speak	Spoke	Spoken
Run	Ran	Run
Write	Wrote	Written
Take	Took	Taken
See	Saw	Seen



50 Verb Forms V1 V2 V3

V1	V2	V3
be	was, were	been
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut
dig	dug	dug
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
drive	drove	driven
drink	drank	drunk
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forget	forgot	forgotten
forgive	forgave	forgiven
freeze	froze	frozen
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung	hung
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard

V1	V2	V3
keep	kept	kept
know	knew	known
lay	laid	laid
lead	led	led
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
lie	lay	lain
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
stand	stood	stood
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told