

## Simple Past – Present Perfect Simple

### Form

Simple Past	Present Perfect Simple
regular verbs: infinitive + ed  Example: I worked	regular verbs: form of 'have' + infinitive + ed  Example: I / you / we / they have worked he / she / it has worked
<b>Exceptions</b>	

### Certain time in the past or *just / already / yet*?

Do you want to express that an action happened at a certain time in the past (even if it was just a few seconds ago) or that an action has *just / already / not yet* happened?

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<b>certain time in the past</b>  Example: I phoned Mary 2 weeks ago.	<b><i>just / already / not yet</i></b>  Example: I have just phoned Mary.

### Certain event in the past or how often so far?

Do you want to express when a certain action took place or whether / how often an action has happened till now?

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<b>certain event in the past</b>  Example: He went to Canada last summer.	<b>whether / how often till now</b>  Example: Have you ever been to Canada? / I have been to Canada twice.

### Emphasis on action or result?

Do you just want to express what happened in the past? Or do you want to emphasise the result (a past action's consequence in the present)?

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<p><b>Emphasis on action</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Example:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">I bought a new bike. (<i>just telling what I did in the past.</i>)</p>	<p><b>Emphasis on result</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Example:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">I have bought a new bike. (<i>With this sentence I actually want to express that I have a new bike now.</i>)</p>



### Signal Words

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<p>yesterday</p> <p>... ago</p> <p>in 1990</p> <p>the other day</p> <p>last ...</p>	<p>just</p> <p>already</p> <p>up to now</p> <p>until now / till now</p> <p>ever</p> <p>(not) yet</p> <p>so far</p> <p>lately / recently</p>

## For & Since with Present Perfect Tense

We often use **for** and **since** with the present perfect tense.

- We use **for** to talk about a **period** of time - 5 minutes, 2 weeks, 6 years.
- We use **since** to talk about a **point** in past time - 9 o'clock, 1st January, Monday.

for	since
<b>a period of time</b>	<b>a point in past time</b>
	
20 minutes	6.15pm
three days	Monday

6 months	January
4 years	1994
2 centuries	1800
a long time	I left school
ever	the beginning of time
etc	etc

Here are some examples:

- I have been here **for** 20 minutes.
- I have been here **since** 9 o'clock.
- John hasn't called **for** 6 months.
- John hasn't called **since** February.
- He has worked in New York **for** a long time.
- He has worked in New York **since** he left school.