Present Tenses

CEFR B1 · Adding the present perfect: experience, news and duration

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Worksheet 1: Present Perfect

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)

Reference: have/has + Past Participle

The **present perfect** links the past to now. We use it for experiences (*I've been to Japan*), recent news with a present result (*I've lost my keys*), and unfinished time (*I've lived here for years*). Form: **have/has + past participle**.

Use	Example	Signal
Experience (in your life)	I **have visited** Rome.	ever, never, before
Recent news / result now	She **has broken** her arm.	just, already, yet
Unfinished time up to now	We **have known** them for years.	for, since
form	have/has + past participle	gone, seen, done, been

Part A – Complete with the Present Perfect

1. I _____ (never / see) snow.
2. She _____ (just / finish) her homework.
3. They _____ (not / arrive) yet.
4. We _____ (live) here since 2019.
5. _____ you ever _____ (eat) sushi?

Part B – been or gone?

have been to = went and came back; *have gone to* = went and is still there.

1. She's not here — she _____ to the shops.
2. I _____ to Paris twice; it's a lovely city.
3. Where's Tom? He _____ to the doctor.

Score: ____ / 20

Worksheet 2: Perfect vs Past Simple

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)

Reference: Finished Time vs Time Up to Now

Use the **past simple** with finished time words (*yesterday, in 2010, last week, ago*) and for a specific past moment. Use the **present perfect** when the time is unfinished or unspecified and the link to now matters.

Past simple	Present perfect
I **saw** him yesterday.	I **have seen** him today.
She **lived** in Spain in 2015.	She **has lived** here since 2015.
finished time: yesterday, last..., ago, in 2010	unfinished/unspecified: today, ever, for, since, just
asks/answers *when?*	focuses on result or experience

Part A – Choose the Correct Tense

1. I _____ (finish) the report an hour ago.
2. She _____ (never / be) to Asia.
3. We _____ (buy) this car last year.
4. _____ you _____ (see) the news today?
5. He _____ (work) here since March.
6. They _____ (get) married in 2018.

Part B – Correct the Tense

#	Wrong sentence	Correction
1	I have seen him yesterday.	
2	She has lived in Rome in 2010.	
3	Did you ever eat octopus?	
4	We have bought the tickets last week.	
5	He has arrived two hours ago.	

Score: _____ / 25

Worksheet 3: For / Since / Already / Yet / Just

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)

Reference: The Time Words of the Perfect

for + a length of time (*for two years*); **since** + a starting point (*since 2020*); **already** = sooner than expected (positive); **yet** = up to now (questions/negatives, end position); **just** = a very short time ago.

Word	Use	Example
for	period of time	I've studied English **for** six years.
since	point in time	I've studied English **since** 2019.
already	sooner than expected	She's **already** left.
yet	up to now (? / neg.)	Have they arrived **yet**?
just	very recently	We've **just** eaten.

Part A – for or since?

1. We've been friends _____ ten years.
2. She's worked here _____ last summer.
3. I haven't seen him _____ Monday.
4. They've lived abroad _____ a long time.

Part B – already, yet or just?

1. I'm not hungry — I've _____ had lunch.
2. Has the film started _____?
3. Don't worry, she's _____ done it. It's finished.
4. He hasn't called me _____.

Part C – Build the Sentence

#	Prompt	Sentence (present perfect)
1	they / not / finish / yet	
2	I / know / her / since / school	
3	we / just / arrive	
4	she / already / read / the book	

Score: _____ / 30

Worksheet 4: Editing & Writing

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)

Part A – Intensive Edit

This text has **eight** errors (perfect vs past simple, for/since, word order of just/already/yet, or participle form). Find and correct them.

> I have started my new job last month, and I already have learned a lot. I work here since four weeks, and I have met yet many colleagues. Yesterday I have finished my first big project. My manager, who has worked here for 2015, has been very kind. I haven't made friends yet with everyone, but I have just went for lunch with two people from my team. I have never worked in such a friendly place before — it's great!

#	Error	Correction
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Part B – Guided Writing

Write 120–150 words about changes in your life or a place you know. You must include: (1) at least three **present perfect** verbs; (2) at least two **past simple** verbs with finished time; (3) at least one use each of **for** and **since**; (4) at least one of **already/yet/just**.

#	Line
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Perfect: _____ / 3 Past: _____ / 2 for/since: _____ / 2 Score: _____ / 35

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

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Worksheet 1 – Part A

1 have never seen · 2 has just finished · 3 haven't arrived · 4 have lived · 5 Have … eaten

Worksheet 1 – Part B

1 has gone · 2 have been · 3 has gone

been = there and back; gone = went and still there. Item 2 uses "twice" (experience) → been.

Worksheet 2 – Part A

1 finished · 2 has never been · 3 bought · 4 Have … seen · 5 has worked · 6 got

Worksheet 2 – Part B

1 I saw him yesterday. · 2 She lived in Rome in 2010. · 3 Have you ever eaten octopus? · 4 We bought the tickets last week. · 5 He arrived two hours ago.

The rule of thumb: a finished-time marker (yesterday, in 2010, ago, last week) forces the past simple.

Worksheet 3 – Part A

1 for · 2 since · 3 since · 4 for

Worksheet 3 – Part B

1 just / already · 2 yet · 3 already · 4 yet

Worksheet 3 – Part C

1 They haven't finished yet. · 2 I've known her since school. · 3 We've just arrived. · 4 She's already read the book.

Worksheet 4 – Part A

1 I started my new job last month · 2 I've already learned a lot · 3 I've worked here for four weeks · 4 I haven't met many colleagues yet / I've met many colleagues · 5 Yesterday I finished my first big project · 6 has worked here since 2015 · 7 I've just gone → I've just been / I just went · 8 (accept the yet/already reordering as the eighth)

Worksheet 4 – Part B: Marking Guide

Criterion	Descriptor	Marks
Present perfect	Three+ correct, right participles	0–4
Perfect vs past	Finished time → past simple	0–4
for/since & adverbs	for/since and just/already/yet used correctly	0–3
Task & length	120–150 words; coherent	0–3