



Grammar

The present perfect tense

Grammar in Use

- 1 A lot of common verbs have an irregular past participle. You will play a game to review some. Follow your teacher's instructions.
- 2 Look at the photographs in the course book.
 - a Match the names to the famous sights.
 - b Where is each one?

The Eiffel Tower	The Statue of Liberty
The Taj Mahal	Sugar Loaf Mountain
The Parthenon	The Colosseum
The Pyramids	Sydney Opera House

Rules

- 3
 - A Have you seen the Taj Mahal?
 - B No, I haven't, but I've always wanted to.
 - A Have you ever visited the Parthenon?
 - B No, I haven't been to Greece.
 - A Have you ever been to New York?
 - B Yes, I have. It's a great city.
- a Find an example of these forms in the dialogues above.
 - a positive statement
 - a negative statement
 - a question
 - a short answer
- b We make the present perfect tense with the verb to *have* and a *past participle*. Identify these parts in the dialogues.
- 4 When do we use the present perfect tense?
 - a Look at the dialogues in 3 again. Do we know what time the people are talking about?

- b Now look at this dialogue. Which tenses are used?
 - A Have you been to New York?
 - B Yes, I have. It's a great city.
 - A When did you go?
 - B We went there two years ago.
 - A Did you see the Statue of Liberty?
 - B Oh yes, we saw all the famous sights.

- c Match the tenses to the uses:

past simple	an action at an indefinite time up to the present
present perfect	an action at a definite time in the past

Practice

- 5 Look at the photographs again.
 - a Work with a partner. Ask and answer about the places in the photographs, as in the example dialogues. → You can also talk about other places.
 - b Who in the class has been to the most places?
- 6 Work with a partner. Your teacher will give you some cards. Take a card then choose from the verbs in the box to ask and answer about the topics. Then find out some more details.

be	come	hear (of)	take	leave	tell
go	drive	read	see	have	eat

Examples

- A Have you (ever) been to an Indian restaurant?
- B No, I haven't, but I've always wanted to.

- B Have you (ever) been to an Indian restaurant?
- A Yes, I have.
- B When did you go? Who did you go with?
Where was it? Did you enjoy it?

- 7 Work in pairs. Choose a picture. The person on the picture is you. Invent details about yourself and write them down. Show your partner the pictures and the details. Ask and answer questions about yourself and your partner. Use the present perfect and past simple.

Example

- travelled to China
- had a bad accident
- eaten exotic food
- seen many famous people