

# Present Perfect

Present Perfect is an easy piece of grammar to structure but can be difficult to understand. It is likely that you have something similar in your language, but it is unlikely that the uses are the same.

We'll take a look at all the uses, and hopefully by the end of this, you will have a clearer idea.

First off let's start with how we structure Present Perfect.

- *+ Subject + have/has + Past Participle...*
- *- Subject + haven't/hasn't + Past Participle...*
- *? Have/Has + Subject + Past Participle...?*

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Now let's look at the uses.

## When the Time Period Is Not Finished

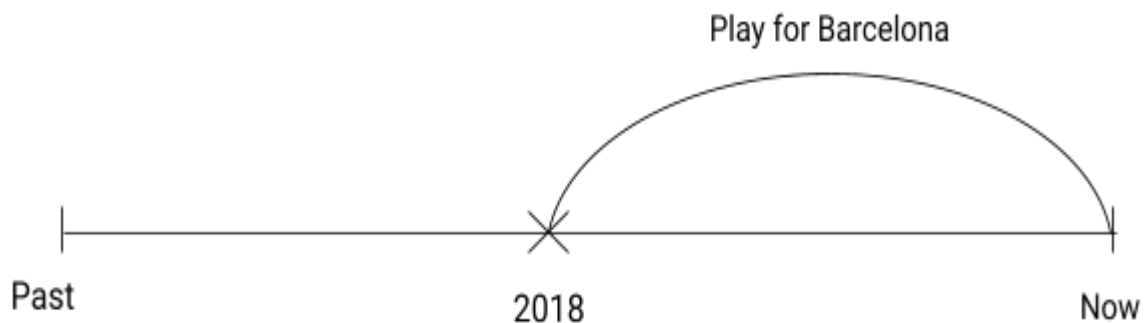
- I have played 20 games so far\* this season.
- The weather has been amazing this month.
- Have you spoken to the manager today?

Notice the terms *so far*, it is commonly used with Present Perfect.



### Actions in the Past That Continue into the Present

- He has played for Barcelona since 2018.
- She has managed the team for 8 years.



### A Life Experience (with no time mentioned)

- I \_\_\_\_\_ for this team for 6 years. (play)
- She \_\_\_\_\_ a penalty. (not take)
- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ the goal she scored? (see)



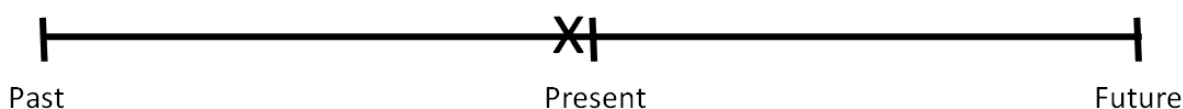
## An Action That Happened in the Very Recent Past (Just)

- I \_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ for Bayern Munich. (sign)
- She \_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ her knee. (injure)
- They \_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ a striker for £100m \* (buy)

The context is important. Buying a £100m striker is not something you do every day. The time period for this action has to be taken into context.

E.g

- We've just won the World Cup.
- I've just started my new job.



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Now try and think of some examples for yourself. If you are still unsure when to use Present Perfect, look at our page on Past Simple, and you will see the difference.

- What has your favourite team won?
- What is the best game you have ever seen?
- Which team has been the most impressive this season?
- What have you just done?



- They have just bought a striker for £100m (buy)
- She has just injured her knee. (injure)
- I have just signed for Bayern Munich. (sign)

An Action That Happened in the Very Recent Past (Just)

- Have you seen the goal she scored? (see)
- She hasn't taken a penalty. (not take)
- I have played for this team for 6 years. (play)

A Life Experience (with no time mentioned)

