

UNIT 9

PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

Present perfect tense digunakan untuk menyatakan suatu pekerjaan yang TELAH/SUDAH DIKERJAKAN-DILAKUKAN. Didalam tense ini kita tidak membicarakan waktu terjadinya pekerjaan itu, nyatanya pekerjaan itu sudah selesai. E.g. *I have read the book.* (The reading is already finished the result is I can tell you about the contents).

Examples:

- Tienneke has lived in madiun for 17 years
- Enny has lived in surabaya since 1960
- I've just received a message from him
- They have already finished their work
- We have not posted our 'Lebaran card' yet
- Tommy has not met him lately
- We have never seen a good film like this recently
- Has Miss Lenny ever told you about it?
- I have done this exercise three times today
- How many books have you read during the last few months?
- I have never used my bicycle since it was broken

When should you use the Present Perfect Tense?

When there's a connection between the present and the past. Think of it as a bridge that is connecting the present and the past.

For example:

- when something started in the past and continues in the present. "They've been for three years"
- Talk about activities that you've done several times in the past and that you continue to do now "She has read many books." And she'll probably read more
- Talk about life experience. "He hasn't travelled overseas before."

Form:

SUBJECT + HAS + VERB (Past Participle)
HAVE

He has posted the letter
She has studied the part of the lesson
The CATS have eaten the first up

Negative form:

SUBJECT + HAS + NOT + VERB (Past Participle)
HAVE

They have not written the letter
She has not washed her dress

Interrogative form:

HAS + SUBJECT + VERB (Past Participle)
HAVE

Have you done your homework?
Has she met you today

PAST SIMPLE vs PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

You need to think about time: finished time and unfinished time.

(Finished Time)

last week

yesterday

last month

last year

1991

Etc.

When you're talking about a time period that has finished, you need to use Past Simple

BEST

(Unfinished Time)

this week

today

this week

this year

this month

etc.

When you're talking about a time period that has finished, you need to use Present Perfect Tense

example:

Last month, I **visited** my brother three times (Past Simple)

This month, I **have visited** my brother twice (Present Perfect Tense) -> The month isn't finished yet and I may visit him again



BEST