

Present Perfect

The Present Perfect tells us about something that happened in the past, and time is NOT important. You can also use it to say that something started in the past and is still going on now.

- + To make the Present Perfect, you have to use “have/has” + present participle (voltooid deelwoord).

I have been to France.

London has been the capital of the United Kingdom for many years.

There are some key words that tell you that you have to use the Present Perfect. These include:

For, Since, Already, Yet, Just

- If the sentence is negative, then you have to use “have/has” + NOT + present participle (voltooid deelwoord).

He hasn't been to France.

They haven't done their homework yet.

- ? To ask a question in the Present Perfect, you start with Have/Has + subject + present participle:

Has he been to France?

How long have you lived in the Netherlands?