

PRESENT PERFECT
1461 GRAMMAR

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Present Perfect is used to express

- a. activities that occurred or were repeated several times at some **unspecified** time in the past or
- b. activities (with **for** or **since**) that began in the past and continue in the present.
- c. **NEVER** use present perfect with sentences containing time clauses with **when, before, after, or as soon as**.

PART I: In the following sentences write either the simple past or the present perfect of the verb in parentheses.

1. I (VISIT) _____ Chicago many times.
2. John (GO) _____ to Chicago three days ago.
3. When I (SEE) _____ Joe, he didn't feel very well.
4. We (BUY) _____ this car last year, and we (DRIVE) _____ 15,000 miles since then.
5. My former teacher was Ms. Smith. I (STUDY) _____ with her for one year.
6. My current teacher is Mr. Cook. I (STUDY) _____ with him since last semester.
7. I (TRY) _____ that restaurant again and again, but I still think the food is terrible.
8. As soon as the bell (RING) _____, I (JUMP) _____ up and (RUN) _____ out of the room.
9. Tom (SPEAK, NOT) _____ to me since he (ARRIVE) _____.
10. After the class (BE) _____ over, we

- (HAVE) _____ something to eat.
11. Before Judy (COME) _____ to the United States, she (TEACH) _____ in a high school in France.
12. Tanya (LEAVE) _____ Miami last week, and she (BE) _____ in Tampa since then.

PART II: Some of the following sentences are incorrect. Change the verbs of those sentences that are wrong. **Change only the underlined verbs.** Write your answers above the verbs you are correcting.

13. Susan has studied French for five years.
14. I am living in Miami for a long time.
15. Terry lived here for a long time now.
16. Myra has studied five chapters so far.
17. He has been here for five minutes, but he left.
18. Have you gone to Paris when you were in Europe?
19. It has been very humid lately.
20. I continued practicing until I have understood the lesson.
21. I am thinking about you many times.
22. She has read that book on her last vacation.
23. Ralph has practically disappeared since he has met his new girl friend.
24. Maria fell while she was crossing the street.
25. Frances wasn't in her office since last week.