

## I have done (present perfect) and I did (past)

A



Kate is making some coffee.



Kate has made some coffee.

Kate has made some coffee = she made some coffee and the coffee is ready now

B

You can use the *present perfect* (**have done** / **has made**, etc.) for new information:

- I've decided** to quit my job. "Really? Why?"
- We've sold** our car. Now we take the bus every day.
- They're having a party next week, but they **haven't invited** me.
- I'm looking for Amy. **Have** you **seen** her?

You can also use the past (**I decided**, **we sold**, etc.) in these examples:

- I decided** to quit my job.

We say that something **has changed**. It is different *now* from what it was before:

- Her English **has improved**. It's pretty good now.
- The city **has changed** a lot. It's very different now.

C

We use the past, not the *present perfect*, with a finished time (**last year**, **yesterday**, etc.):

- They **arrived yesterday**. (not have arrived)
- Where **were you on Sunday**?  
(not Where have you been)
- We **didn't take** a vacation **last year**.  
(not haven't taken)
- A: **Did you go out last night?**  
B: No, I **stayed** home.
- William Shakespeare **lived from 1564 to 1616**. He **was** a writer. He **wrote** many plays and poems.

yesterday  
 last year  
 six months ago  
 at 3:00  
 in 2011  
 finished time

past

now

We use the past to ask **When ... ?** or **What time ... ?**:

- When did** you **sell** your car? (not When have you sold)
- What time did** Andy **go** out? (not What time has)

D

We use the present perfect with **yet** in negative sentences and questions.**Yet** (= until now) is usually at the end:

- A: Does James know that you're going away?  
B: No, I **haven't told** him **yet**.
- A: **Have** Sarah and Nick **arrived** **yet**?  
B: No, not yet, but they'll be here soon.
- A: **Has** Nicole **started** her new job **yet**?  
B: No, she's starting next week.
- Silvia has bought a new dress, but she **hasn't worn** it **yet**.

You can also use the past with **yet**:

- Did** Nicole **start** her new job **yet**?

## Exercises

19.1 Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect (**I've made**, etc.) with these words.change decide finish fix go up invite ~~make~~ see stop

- I 've made some coffee. Would you like some?
- The wedding is in June. We ..... 50 people.
- I can't find my glasses. ..... you ..... them anywhere?
- The weather ..... . It's colder now.
- What are your plans? What ..... you ..... to do?
- Food prices ..... a lot. Everything is more expensive now.
- ..... you ..... the book you were reading?
- There was a problem with the car, but I ..... it. It's OK now.
- It ..... raining. We can go out now.

19.2 Are the verbs in these sentences OK? Correct them if necessary. (The verbs are underlined.)

- Where have you been on Sunday?
- I'm looking for Amy. Have you seen her?
- I've washed all the clothes. Everything is clean.
- Vicky has bought some clothes yesterday.
- I've decided to try to learn Japanese.
- Last year I've decided to try to learn Japanese.
- The weather hasn't been good last weekend.
- Steve's grandmother has died six months ago.

Where were you on Sunday?

OK

19.3 Write negative sentences with **yet** (They haven't ... yet / She hasn't ... yet, etc.).

<b>①</b> <i>a few minutes ago</i>  <i>(she / go / out)</i> <b>She hasn't gone out yet.</b>	<i>now</i>  <b>(the train / leave)</b>	<b>②</b> <i>a few minutes ago</i>  <i>(the train / leave)</i>	 <b>now</b>
<b>③</b> <i>a few minutes ago</i>  <i>(he / open / it)</i>	<i>now</i>  <b>(the / movie / start)</b>	 <b>④</b> <i>a few minutes ago</i>	 <b>now</b>

19.4 Write questions. Use the present perfect + **yet**.

- Your friend has a new job. Maybe she has started it.  
You ask her: Have you started your new job yet?
- Your friend has some new neighbors. Maybe he has met them.  
You ask him: ..... you
- Your friend is going on a trip soon. Maybe she has booked her flight.  
You ask her: .....
- Some people (not you) are having a meeting at work. Maybe the meeting has finished.  
You ask a colleague: .....