

# 24 Places I have been

In English, the present perfect tense is used to talk about recent or repeated past events. The past simple is used to say exactly when those events happened.

 **New language** Present perfect tense  
 **Vocabulary** Travel experiences  
 **New skill** Talking about the recent past

## 24.1 KEY LANGUAGE PRESENT PERFECT

The present perfect can be used to talk about the past in three different ways.

To give new information or "news."

To talk about a repeated action that continues to happen.

To talk about an event that started in the past and is still happening now.

SUBJECT + "HAVE / HAS" + PAST PARTICIPLE

Hi! **I have arrived** in London!



My plane landed five minutes ago.

**I have visited** California every summer since I was 18.



**Olivia has gone** on a trip to Egypt.



## 24.2 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE PRESENT PERFECT



We have left (leave) and are on our way to the airport.



They set off (set off) on the Pilgrims' Way walk to Santiago de Compostela.



He not finish (not finish) cycling through Europe.



They go (go) on a cruise to the Caribbean.



She visit (visit) her family in Cuba every year since 2004.



## 24.3 KEY LANGUAGE PRESENT PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE

The present perfect is used for talking about a recent event or ongoing action.

SUBJECT + "HAVE / HAS" + PAST PARTICIPLE



Olivia **has gone** to Egypt on vacation.

The past simple gives specific details about when a completed event happened.

SUBJECT + PAST SIMPLE

Olivia **went** to Egypt **last week**.

TIME MARKER



### 24.4 MARK THE SENTENCES THAT ARE CORRECT

I **has** cycled in Holland several times.

I **have** cycled in Holland several times.

1 Annie **went** to Kenya last winter.

Annie **has gone** to Kenya last winter.

2 Uma **has visited** Cuba every year since 2011.

Uma **have visit** Cuba every year since 2011.

3 I've **flew** to Spain for a vacation last month.

I **flew** to Spain for a vacation last month.

4 Liam **has gone** on a bus tour of Ireland.

Liam **have gone** on a bus tour of Ireland.

5 Nada **studied** Tai Chi in China last year.

Nada **have studied** Tai Chi in China last year.

6 Andrew **gone** to Australia.

Andrew **has gone** to Australia.

7 They **have reached** the North Pole!

They **has reached** the North Pole!



### 24.5 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Jodie and Trina are talking about Trina's travel adventures and what she has learned along the way.

Where has Trina been?

Trina has been out of the country.

1 Was this Trina's first road trip?

\_\_\_\_\_

2 What did she learn to do in the Sierra Nevada?

\_\_\_\_\_

3 Does she own hang gliding equipment?

\_\_\_\_\_

4 What other skill has Trina learned?

\_\_\_\_\_

5 How did she get to Egypt?

\_\_\_\_\_



## 24.6 READ THE ARTICLE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN FULL SENTENCES

**To:** Karen Smith  
**Subject:** Trip to Africa

Hi Karen,

I wanted to visit Africa for so long, and I'm so glad I've finally made the trip to this beautiful continent. I've just returned from Kenya and had an amazing experience. I volunteered along with a group of people in a Maasai village for six months. During that time, we helped dig a well and we taught English in the local school. We learned a lot about Maasai culture. I especially enjoyed learning about their amazing traditional dress, music, and dance. I was taught some simple bead-work designs and made lots of gifts using this new skill (with a little help!) I've sent one to you. I experienced incredible hospitality from the Maasai community. I was sad to leave, but I'm on my way to another adventure in Ethiopia.

From Steve

Where did Steve want to visit?

Steve wanted to visit Africa.

① Which country did he spend six months in?

② What did his team do to help the villagers?

3 What subject did Steve teach at the local school?

#### 4 What did he enjoy learning about Maasai culture?

5 What was Steve taught that he's used to make gifts?

6 Where is Steve visiting next in Africa?



## 24.7 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE PRESENT PERFECT

We 've stayed (stay) in Kerala many times.

1 Amir \_\_\_\_\_ (walk)  
across the Great Divide in America.

2 They \_\_\_\_\_ (camp) every year since they were children.

3 We \_\_\_\_\_ (land) in Buenos Aires. The vacation begins!

4 Marita \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to New Zealand on vacation.

5 Simon \_\_\_\_\_ (cycle)  
from Paris to Berlin.

## 24.8 KEY LANGUAGE PRESENT PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE IN US ENGLISH

US English often uses the past simple when UK English would use the present perfect.

No dessert for me! **I ate** too much. (US)

No dessert for me! **I've eaten** too much. (UK)



I can't find my passport. **Did** you **see** it? (US)

I can't find my passport. **Have** you **seen** it? (UK)



### 24.9 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORD IN EACH SENTENCE

Did you **see** / **seen** the Statue of Liberty?

- 1 **I** / **I've** ate so much pizza when I was in Italy.
- 2 **They've** / **They** received our postcard yesterday.
- 3 Didn't you **arrive** / **arrived** here on Friday?
- 4 **Did** / **Have** you go to Finland this year?
- 5 **She** / **She's** found her passport on Tuesday.
- 6 Did he **write** / **wrote** this travel guide book?
- 7 **We've** / **We** taught English in Peru last summer.
- 8 Did they **cycled** / **cycle** all the way to Spain?
- 9 **Have** / **Did** you hike to the top of that mountain?



### 24.10 REWRITE THE SENTENCES IN THE PAST SIMPLE

I've told you about my vacation.

I told you about my vacation.

- 1 Have you visited Peru?

- 2 Have you finished your packing yet?

- 3 We've had a wonderful time at the beach.

- 4 I love Spain. Have you gone there before?

- 5 Are you hungry again? Haven't you just eaten?

- 6 I've just seen an amazing opera in Rome.



## 24 ✓ CHECKLIST

Present perfect

Aa Travel experiences

Talking about the recent past