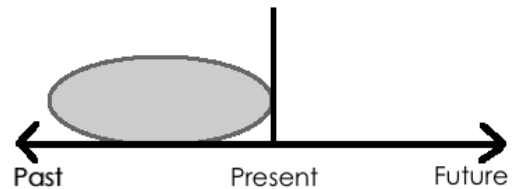


## PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

**Present perfect tense** describes something that happened some unspecified time before now or that started before but has continued until now.

### Uses

1. For an unspecified time before now
2. To express a change over time
3. To express an accomplishment
4. For an uncompleted action you are expecting
5. To express multiple actions at different times
6. Duration from past until now



### Examples

1. I **have seen** something like it before.
2. My writing **has** really **improved** since I took the essay course.
3. Her daughter **has earned** a diploma.
4. Jane **has not achieved** her goal yet.
5. My brother **has cleaned** his apartment three times.
6. I **have loved** reading since I was five years old.

### Formula

has/have + past participle\*

\*past participle = verb + -ed  
when the verb is regular

#### Checklist

- Are you describing something that has happened already, but at an unspecified time, or something that is still happening?
- Have you included the appropriate form of "have" before the main verb?
- Does your main verb end with an -ed (unless it is irregular)?

For more exercises and practice go to pages 237-240 in *The Little Seagull Handbook*.