

Present Perfect (Basic Usage) 1

Introduction

This worksheet helps students further their knowledge of the present perfect tense's basic usage for A2 level students.

In the Lesson

Provide each student with a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Before diving into the exercises, ensure that you review how to form the Present Perfect tense.

In Exercise 1, students will identify the past participles of 20 verbs. Ideally, this should have been covered previously; however, if it hasn't, here are the essential guidelines: *Regular verbs typically form their past participles by adding the suffix "-ed" (e.g., "learn" becomes "learned"). Irregular verbs, on the other hand, can have various endings such as "-en," "-n," "-ne," and "-t" (e.g., "kneel" changes to "knelt").*

For Exercise 2, students will fill in the blanks with the correct present perfect forms. In Exercise 3, they will practice providing short answers to specific questions.

Exercise 4 allows students to engage in asking and answering questions with a partner or as a class. Be sure to allocate sufficient time for discussion.

Exercise 1 answer key

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| 1. can | 11. drunk |
| 2. eaten | 12. known |
| 3. seen | 13. broken |
| 4. been | 14. bought |
| 5. done | 15. chosen |
| 6. had | 16. forgotten |
| 7. taken | 17. left |
| 8. written | 18. met |
| 9. read* | 19. spoken |
| 10. made | 20. worn |

Exercise 2 answer key

1. haven't tried
2. have never been
3. hasn't called
4. has gone
5. haven't visited
6. have done
7. have traveled
8. hasn't finished

Exercise 3 + 4 - student answers

Focus	Aim	Level	Time
Present Perfect	Engage in various exercises to practice basic usage of the present perfect tense	A2	35-45 minutes

'PRESENT PERFECT 1'

The present perfect tense is utilized to discuss experiences, actions that occurred at an unspecified time in the past, and actions that began in the past and are still ongoing.



Form: have/has + past participle / have/has + not + past participle

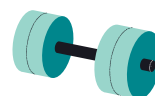
- I/You/We/They → have + past participle (I have visited Paris.)
- He/She/It → has + not + past participle (She hasn't seen that movie.)

1 Here's a list of 20 common verbs. Find their past participle and write them on the line next to the base verbs.

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| 1. go _____ | 11. drink _____ |
| 2. eat _____ | 12. know _____ |
| 3. see _____ | 13. break _____ |
| 4. be _____ | 14. buy _____ |
| 5. do _____ | 15. choose _____ |
| 6. have _____ | 16. forget _____ |
| 7. take _____ | 17. leave _____ |
| 8. write _____ | 18. meet _____ |
| 9. read _____ | 19. speak _____ |
| 10. make _____ | 20. wear _____ |

2 Complete the sentences using the present perfect tense of the verbs.

1. We _____ (not try) sushi before.
2. I _____ never _____ (be) to Canada.
3. She _____ (not call) me since last week.
4. He _____ (go) to the gym today.
5. They _____ (not visit) their grandparents this year.
6. You _____ (do) your homework, right?
7. My parents _____ (travel) to Italy many times.
8. She _____ (not finish) her work yet.



3 Look at the questions below. Use your own ideas to create short answers for them.

e.g. Yes, I have. / No, she hasn't.

1. Have you ever eaten sushi?

→ _____

2. Has she visited Paris?

→ _____

3. Have they finished their project?

→ _____

4. Has he watched the new movie?

→ _____

5. Have you done your homework?

→ _____

4 With a partner, ask and answer these questions. Try to give complete sentence answers, and add more detail when you're able.

1. Have you ever traveled to another country?

2. Have you ever eaten sushi?

3. Have you ever met a famous person?

4. Have you ever ridden a horse?

5. Have you ever gone camping?

6. Have you ever seen a scary movie?

7. Have you ever taken a plane?

8. Have you ever won a prize?

9. Have you ever played an instrument?

10. Have you ever forgotten something important?

