

## Functions and examples

### 1. We use the present perfect simple to show that a finished action or event has a connection with the present, or has a result in the present.

I can't go out because I've **lost** my keys.  
She's **had** an accident and she's in the hospital now.  
I've **had** lunch so I'm not hungry.

### 2. We use the present perfect simple to give news or talk about recent events.

She's **had** a baby girl.  
There's **been** a big fire at the factory.  
The value of the dollar **has risen** in recent weeks.

### 3. We can use 'just' in these cases to express a very recent action.

She's **just had** a baby.  
I've **just had** lunch.

### 4. We use the present perfect simple to talk about a period of time from the past until now.

I've **lived** in Spain for 10 years.  
She **hasn't spoken** to him since April last year.

### 5. If we don't use *for* or *since*, we don't know when the action or event happened, or it's not important when it happened.

**Have** you ever **eaten** frogs' legs? -- at any time in your life until now  
I've never **had** a computer. -- at any time in my life until now  
She **has read** all the Harry Potter books. -- at some time in the past until now  
I've **seen** Shrek. -- only the action is important, not when I did the action  
I **saw** Shrek last week.

### 6. We often talk about repeated actions or events from the past until now.

We've **visited** China many times.  
I've **been** to France twice.  
The phone **has rung** five times since lunchtime.

### 7. We can use 'already' to say something happened sooner than expected.

I've **already seen** Mission Impossible.

### 8. We can use 'yet' to say that we expect something to happen.

I **haven't seen** Mission Impossible yet.  
**Have you spoken** to Dave yet?

### 9. We use the present perfect simple to talk about a period of time not finished at the time of speaking.

I **have had** three cups of coffee today. -- today is not finished  
I **had** three cups of coffee yesterday.  
**Have you seen** the news this week? -- this week is not finished  
**Did you see** the news yesterday?  
I've **been** on holiday twice this year -- this year is not finished  
I **went** on holiday twice last year