

Unit 15

Present perfect (I have done) (3)

a Study this example:

Tom: **Have you heard** from George?
Ann: No, he **hasn't written** to me recently.

We use the present perfect when we talk about a period of time that continues up to the present. Tom and Ann are talking about the period between a short time ago and now. So they say 'have you heard' and 'he hasn't written'.



- **Have you seen** my dog? I can't find him anywhere.
- Everything is going fine. We **haven't had** any problems **so far**.
- We've **met** a lot of interesting people **in the last few days**.
- Fred **has been** ill a lot **in the past few years**, **hasn't he**?
- I **haven't seen** George **recently**. **Have you**?

For sentences with **for** and **since** see **Unit 18**.

b We often use the present perfect with **yet** (see also **Unit 107**). **Yet** shows that the speaker is expecting something to happen. Use **yet** only in questions and negative sentences:

- **Has it stopped** raining **yet**? (*not* 'did it stop')
- I **haven't told** them about the accident **yet**. (*not* 'I didn't tell')

c We use the present perfect with **this morning** /**this evening** /**today** /**this week** /**this term** etc. (when these periods are not finished at the time of speaking):

- I've **smoked** ten cigarettes **today**. (perhaps I'll smoke more before today finishes)
- **Has Ann had** a holiday **this year**?
- I **haven't seen** Tom **this morning**. **Have you**?
- Ron **hasn't studied** very much **this term**.
- Bill is phoning his girl-friend again. That's the third time he's **phoned** her **this evening**.



d We also use the *present perfect continuous* (**I have been doing**) when we talk about a period of time continuing up to the present:

- I **haven't been feeling** very well **recently**.

For the present perfect continuous see **Units 16, 17, 18**.

For the present perfect and past simple see **Units 20, 21**.

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