**Present perfect:**

The **present perfect** is formed from the present tense of the verb **have** and the [past participle](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/node/1352)of a verb. We use the present simple for:

-Something that **started in the past**and **continues in the present**:

\*They**'ve been married**for nearly fifty years.

\*She **has lived** in Liverpool all her life.

-When we are talking about our **experience up to the present**:

\*I**'ve seen** that film before.  
\*I**'ve played** the guitar ever since I was a teenager.  
\*He **has written** three books and he is working on another one.

-We often use the adverb **ever** to talk about experience up to the present:

\*My last birthday was the worst day I**have ever had**.

-We use **never** for the [negative form](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/node/1363):

**\*Have** you **ever met**Ibrahim?  
 \*Yes, but I**'ve never met**his wife.

-For something that **happened in the past** but is **important in the present**:

\*I can't get in the house. I**'ve lost**my keys.  
 \*Imen isn't at home. I think she **has gone**shopping.

\*Have been**and**have gone

-We use**have/has been**when someone has**gone**to a place and**returned**:

A: Where **have** you **been**?  
 B: I**'ve** just **been** out **to** the supermarket.

A: **Have** you **ever been to**Miami?  
 B: No, but I**'ve been to** Los Angeles.

-But when someone **has not returned**, we use **have/has gone**:

A: Where's Maria? I haven't seen her for weeks.  
 B: She**'s gone to** Oran for a week. She'll be back tomorrow.

**Present perfect continuous**

The **present perfect continuous** is formed with **have/has been** and the [-ing form](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/node/1384) of the verb.

We normally use the present perfect continuous to **emphasise that something is still continuing in the present**:

\*She **has been living** in Liverpool all her life.  
\*It**'s been raining** for hours.  
\*I'm tired out. I**'ve been working** all day.  
\*They **have been staying** with us since last week.

We do **not** normally use the present perfect continuous with **stative verbs**. We use the **present perfect simple** instead:

I**'ve** always ~~been liking~~ **liked** John.