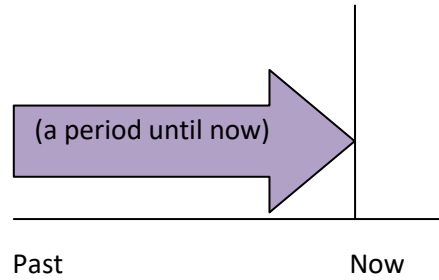


Grammar focus

I *have* often *regretted* my speech and my words, never my silence

Present Perfect



☞ Present Perfect = Past + Result Now (الماضي + تأثيره الآن)

1. Form (الشكل)

☞ have/has + past participle.

- I have finished
- She has written

✦ Past participle

- Regular → ends in -ed (finished/decided etc.)
- Irregular → Third column in the list (lost/done/written etc.).

2. Main Use (الاستخدام الأساسي)

☞ You use it for:

a. General Information (معلومات غير محددة بزمن)

Something that happened in the past (“before now”), but which did not occur at a definitive point in time.

- I have seen *The Message* on TV. (I didn’t say exactly when)

☒ Compare:

- I have seen the film. (general experience)
- I saw the film last night. (specific time → past simple)

b. Life Experience (تجربة حياتية)

☞ With words like:

- never / ever
- I have never been to Canada.
- Have you ever been stung by a bee?

c. Time that continues from the past until now (زمن مستمر حتى الآن)

- a. What about India? b. No, I haven’t been to India.

d. Periods are not finished at the time of speaking (الفترة الزمنية لم تنته بعد عند التحدث)

☞ With :

- today, this evening, this year etc. (If not finished)
- I’ve drunk four cups of coffee today. (Today is not finished yet)

e. Since & For (منذ / لمدة)

☞ for = duration (مدة)

☞ since = starting point (بداية)

- She has worked here for six months. (not since six months)
- She has worked here since April. (= from April until now)

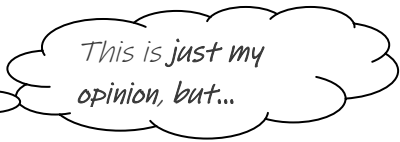
f. How long ...? vs When ...? (فرق مهم)

☞ When → past simple

☞ How long → present perfect

- a: When did it start raining?
b: It started raining an hour ago / at 1 o’clock.
- a: How long has it been raining?
b: It’s been raining for an hour / since 1 o’clock.

Function Focus
Giving Opinions



People often talk to each other and use different phrases to express opinions, agree, or disagree. These phrases can be formal (F), informal (I), or neutral (N).

Giving an opinion	Agreeing	Disagreeing
Personally, I think ... (N) If you ask me, ... (I) In my opinion, ... (F)	You could be right. (F) OK, you have a point there. (I) That's true (N) That's right (N) Definitely (F) Absolutely (N) Totally (I) Sure (I)	That may be so, but ... (F) That's ridiculous! (I) The thing is, ... (I) That's true, but ... (N) I don't think (N)

Worksheet

Activity 1 Complete the conversations with the words in the box.

my	true	don't	definitely	that's	sure	totally
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1 A: It 's always better to do your shopping online.

B: I ___ think that's true. It's not always cheaper.

2 A: People who live in rich countries should give money to people in poorer countries.

B: In ___ opinion, that's not the best way to solve the problem.

3 A: This café is much nicer than the one we came to last time.

B: ___. I really like it here.

4 A: If you want people to work harder, you need to pay them more money.

B: ___ right.

5 A: I think our product is the best on the market.

B: I'm not ___ about that.

6 A: You need to control how many people move into the country.

B: I ___ disagree. I think people should be allowed to live where they want.

7 A: Not everyone has a mobile phone even nowadays.

B: That's ___, although most people do.

Activity 2 One sentence in each pair is correct. Circle the correct sentence, a) or b).

1 a) I've first played the guitar when I was a teenager.

b) I first played the guitar when I was a teenager.

2 a) When you worked in Hollywood have you ever met anyone famous?

b) When you worked in Hollywood did you ever meet anyone famous?

3 a) Have you ever eaten sushi? Try some!

b) Did you ever eat sushi? Try some!

4 a) Last night I read until 2a.m.

b) Last night I've read until 2a.m.

5 a) Did you ever see the film *No Country for Old Men*? I have the DVD .

b) Have you ever seen the film *No Country for Old Men*? I have the DVD.

6 a) In 1989 the government did something that changed the world.

b) In 1989 the government has done something that changed the world.

7 a) She has never been to the theatre.

b) She has ever been to the theatre.

8 a) I've ever worked in retail in my life.

b) I've never worked in retail in my life.

Activity 3 Complete the conversations with the present perfect form of the verb in brackets.

1 A: How long has Carlos *worked* here? (work)

B: About four years. He _____ here for four years. (be)

2 A: Did you see that comedy film last night?

B: Yes, it was the funniest film I _____ ever _____! (watch)

3 A: Do you know where Morris _____ (go)

B: No. I _____ him all day. (not / see)

4 A: _____ you _____ your homework? (finish)

B: No. I _____ it yet. (not / start)

5 A: Do you know if my parcel _____ (arrive)

B: Just a minute. I'll have a look for you.

6 A: _____ you _____ your watch? (find)

B: Yes, it was under the sofa.

7 A: How long _____ you _____ Marissa? (know)

B: Not very long. We _____ friends for long at all. (not / be)

8 A: _____ you _____ my news? (hear)

B: No. _____ you _____ to leave your job? (decide)

Activity 4 Match the jobs in the box with what the people say

motorcycle courier	sales rep	fashion designer	
foreign correspondent	personal trainer	IT consultant	rescue worker

1 The biggest problem in my job is the number of cars in the city. _____

2 I like my job because I travel the world and see important events _____

3 We believe in making clothes for normal people, not only beautiful models. _____

4 In my job, you need to love computers and technology. _____

5 In my team, we save about ten lives a year. _____

6 My job is easier when I like the product that I'm trying to sell. _____

7 I like helping people to get stronger and fitter. _____

Answer Key

Activity 1

1. don't — 2. my — 3. definitely — 4. that's — 5. sure — 6. totally — 7. true

Activity 2

1. b — 2. b — 3. a — 4. a — 5. b — 6. a — 7. a — 8. b

Activity 3

1. has been — 2. have ever watched — 3. has gone / haven't seen — 4. Have / finished / haven't started — 5. has arrived — 6. Have / found — 7. have / known / haven't been — 8. Have / heard / Have / decided

Activity 4

1. motorcycle courier — 2. foreign correspondent — 3. fashion designer — 4. IT consultant — 5. rescue worker — 6. sales rep — 7. personal trainer