3. **Present Perfect Simple**

The present perfect simple is used to connect the past to the present. The time of the action is often unspecified, and the focus is more on the result rather than the action.

**Form:**

Use the auxiliary verb have + the past participle of the main verb.

The past participle of regular verbs end in -ed, for verbs like walked, played, looked and watched. But there are lots of irregular verbs – for example, been (be), eaten (eat), made (make), gone (go), got (get), given (give), read (read), said (say), taken (take).

Note that in 3rd person, we use “has” instead of “have”.

**Uses:**

Actions that start in the past and continue to the present – I’ve lived here for 3 years.

Life experiences, at an unspecified time in the past – I’ve swum with dolphins.

Repeated action in an unspecified time period – I’ve visited the Eiffel Tower three times.

Unfinished time (today, this week, this month, this year) – I’ve ridden my bicycle today.

A finished action with a present result – I’ve lost my keys (so I can’t open the door).

Recent past with the words ‘just’, ‘recently’, ‘already’ and ‘yet’ – I’ve just spoken to Mark on the phone.

However, keep in mind that when we give more details in a sentence – and explain things like when, who, where, who, and why – we change the tense we use to the past simple.

Here is an example:

-Have you ever been to Scotland?

-Yes I went there for a week when I was ten years old.