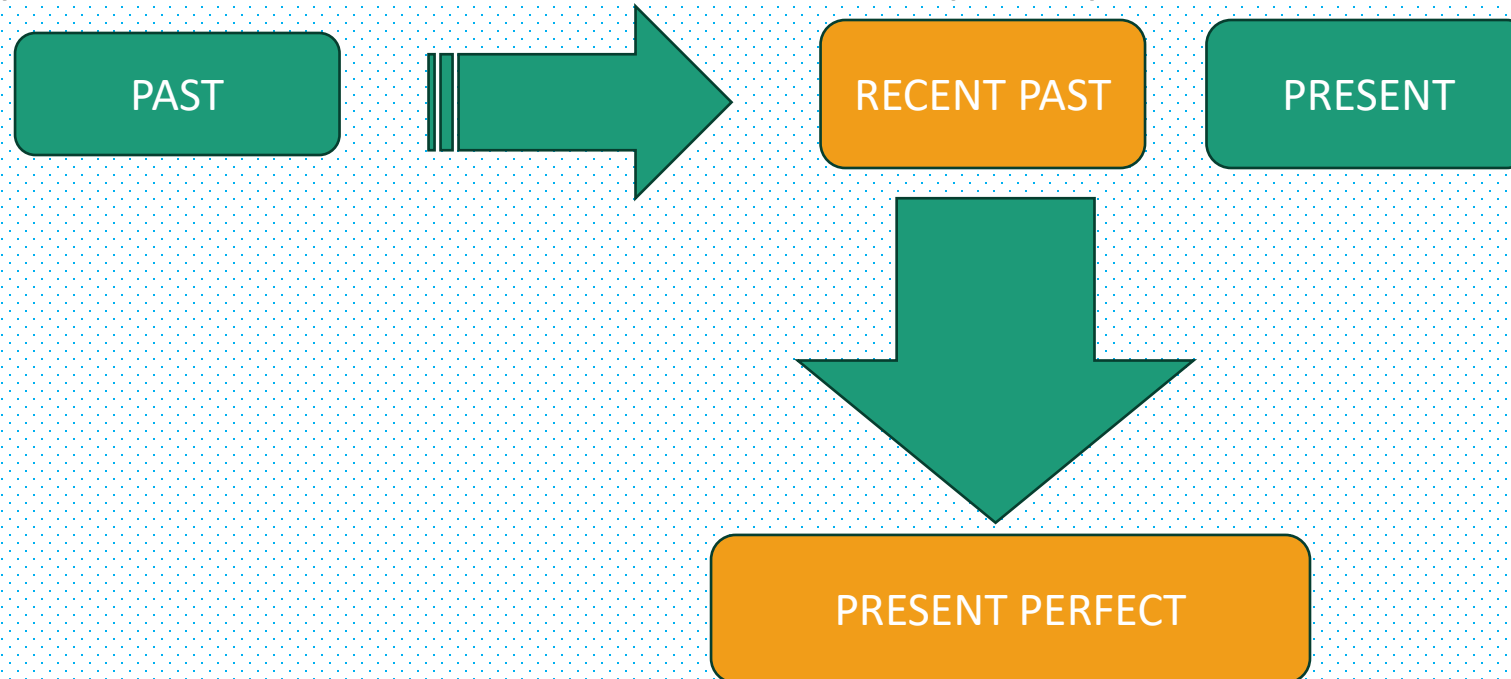


IV- Present perfect

Tom: Have you heard from George?

Ann: No, he hasn't written to me lately.

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." past present



EXAMPLES

- ❑ Have you seen my umbrella? I can't find it 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 sick a lot in the past few years, hasn't he?
- ❑ I haven't seen Maria recently. Have you?

RULE

- Present perfect is given by
- To have in simple present + past participial of the verb

I / they/we have succeeded in the exam

He/She/it has succeeded in the exam

Cases:

❖ **We often use the present perfect with yet.**

Yet shows that the speaker is expecting something to happen.

Use yet only in questions and negative sentences:

- **Has** it **stopped** raining yet?
- I **haven't** **told** them about the accident yet.

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

- I've had five cups of coffee today.
- Has Ann had a vacation this year?
- I haven't seen Tom this morning. Have you?
- Liz hasn't studied very much this semester.
- Bill is calling his girlfriend again. That's the
- Third time he's called her this evening.

Practice 1

- Make questions the words given.
- Example: (you/hear/from George recently?) Have you heard from George recently?
- 1. (you read/ a newspaper lately?)
• have you read a newspaper lately?
- 2. (you see/ Lisa in the past few days?)
• have you seen Lisa in the past few days?
- 3. (he play/ tennis lately?)
• has he played tennis lately?
- 4. (they eat/ anything today?)
• have they eaten anything today?
- 5. (she watch/ any good movies lately?)
• has she watched any good movies lately?
- 6. (they take/ their vacation yet?)
• have they taken their vacation yet?

Practice 2

- Complete the sentence. Use so far. Examples:
- I saw Tom yesterday, but today I have not seen him so far.....
- It rained a lot last week, but it hasn't rained much so far this week.
- 1. We ate a lot yesterday, but we much so far today.
- 2. It snowed a lot last winter, but it so far this winter.
- 3. I played tennis a lot last year, but this year.
- 4. She worked hard last semester, but this semester.
- 5. I watched television last night, but tonight.
- 6. My favorite baseball team won a lot of games last season, but they . many games so far this season.

Practice 3

- Read the situation and then finish the last sentence.
- Example:
 - Ron is calling Jill again. He has already called her twice this evening. It's the **third** time **he has called** her this evening .
 - 1. You're late again. You've already been late once this week.
It's the second this week.....
 - 2. The car has broken down. It has already broken down twice this month. It's the
 - 3. Ann has just finished drinking a cup of tea. She has already had four cups this morning. It's the fifth