

# The Most Important Tenses of English

In this part of the presentation we are going to discuss the tenses in the **past** time

# The tenses for the **past** time are:

Past Simple

Past Continuous

Present Perfect

Past Perfect



We are going to continue discussing the past time tenses with the **Present Perfect** tense.

# The Present Perfect

We use the **Present Perfect** tense when:

- we are talking about the **past** time, and
- the **activity** is more important than the **time** when it happened, in other words:
- we don't know the **time** of the activity or it's not important.

→ I've read a book.

# The Present Perfect

The verb in the Present Perfect tense has two parts:

have / has

and

past participle

- It's the Present Simple of the verb 'to have'.
  - I, you, we, they have
  - He, she, it has
- Here, you decide if the sentence is positive, negative or if it is a question.
- there are regular and irregular verbs
- Here, you decide about the activity

# The Present Perfect

There are **two** kinds of past participle:

## Regular

They have **-ed** ending

→ work + ed = worked

→ stop + ed = stopped

→ dance + ed = danced

## Irregular

They don't have any rules, you need to **learn them by heart**.

→ be - been

→ go - gone

→ swim - swum

# The Present Perfect

The verb 'read'  
positive sentences

## Singular

I **have** read.

You **have** read.

He **has** read.

She **has** read.

It **has** read.

## Plural

We **have** read.

You **have** read.

They **have** read.

# The Present Perfect

The verb 'read'  
negative sentences

## Singular

I **have not** (haven't) **read**.

You **have not** (haven't) **read**.

He **has not** (hasn't) **read**.

She **has not** (hasn't) **read**.

It **has not** (hasn't) **read**.

## Plural

We **have not** (haven't) **read**.

You **have not** (haven't) **read**.

They **have not** (haven't)  
**read**.



# The Present Perfect

The verb 'read'

questions and short answers

## Singular

Have I read? Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.

Have you read? Yes, you have. / No, you haven't.

Has he read? Yes, he has. / No, he hasn't.

Has she read? Yes, she has. / No, she hasn't.


Has it read? Yes, it has. / No, it hasn't.

## Plural

Have we read? Yes, we have. / No, we haven't.

Have you read? Yes, you have. / No, you haven't.

Have they read? Yes, they have. / No, they haven't.



If you put any verb in past participle form instead of 'read', you make **correct** sentences in the **Present Perfect** tense.



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