Present Tense

⇨ **Present Perfect Tense**

> The Present Perfect tense is used to describe **actions** or **events** that have a connection between the **past** and the **present**. It is formed by combining the auxiliary verb **"have"** or **"has"** with the **past participle** form of the main verb.

⇨ **Formation:**

- Subject + have/has + past participle
- Examples:
  They have visited the museum.
  She has finished her homework.

⇨ **Usage:**

- **Completed actions with present consequences or relevance:**
  - ✓ I **have lost** my keys. (The action is completed, but it affects the present situation.)
  - ✓ She **has accepted** the job offer. (The decision was made in the past but it is relevant now.)

- **Experiences up to now:**
  - ✓ We **have traveled** to six different countries. (It doesn't matter when, only that it happened.)
  - ✓ She **has never eaten** sushi. (Referring to her experiences up until now.)

- **Changes over time:**
  - ✓ The climate **has changed** drastically over the last century.
  - ✓ Technology **has advanced** rapidly in recent years.

- **Accomplishments:**
  - ✓ They **have published** three books.
  - ✓ She **has won** several awards for her work.

- **Uncompleted actions that started in the past and continue to the present:**
  - ✓ I **have lived** in this city for five years.
  - ✓ They **have been** friends since childhood.

⇨ **Time expressions commonly used with Present Perfect tense:**
- already, yet, just, ever, never, recently, lately, since, for, so far, up to now

⇨ **Past participle forms of irregular verbs:**
- The past participle forms of irregular verbs should be memorized as they do not follow a specific pattern. Examples include:
  - ✓ go – gone
  - ✓ write – written
  - ✓ sing – sung
  - ✓ break – broken

⇨ **Present Perfect vs. Simple Past:**
- Use the Present Perfect tense to describe actions with present relevance or that happened at an unspecified time. Use the Simple Past tense to describe completed actions that happened at a specific time in the past.
- Examples:

  Present Perfect: I **have been** to Paris. (The focus is on the **experience**, not the **specific time**.)

  Simple Past: I **went** to Paris last summer. (The focus is on the **specific time**.)