

Present Perfect

Part A

The present perfect tense uses 'have' and the past participle (words ending in -ed or -en).

E.g. I have played. I have eaten my tea.

Which of these sentences are written in the present perfect?

1. We have finished our meal.
2. The footballers played on until the 93rd minute.
3. They have won the award for best team.
4. The model has been broken.
5. I have said sorry.
6. The children have finished their work.

Present Perfect

Part B

Explain in a few sentences how to spot if a sentence is written in the present perfect and include some examples.

★ Challenge Task ★

Why might an author choose to use the present perfect tense in their writing?

Present Perfect Answers

Part A

Which of these sentences are written in the present perfect?

- *We have finished our meal.*
- *They have won the award for best team.*
- *The model has been broken.*
- *I have said sorry.*
- *The children have finished their work.*

Part B

Explain in a few sentences how to spot if a sentence is written in the present perfect and include some examples.

- *You can spot if a sentence has been written in the present perfect by looking for the verb 'to have' and the past participle (words ending in -ed or -en).*
- *E.g. They have travelled in the peach for a few days.*

★ Challenge Task ★

Why might an author choose to use the present perfect tense in their writing?

The present perfect used to show that something started in the past and continues in the present. It can also be used for when something has happened but the exact time is unknown.