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Living history

Present Perfect • *for and since* • *ever and never*
Word formation • *Agree with me!*

STARTER

What's the Past Simple and the past participle of these verbs?
Which are regular? Which irregular?

live	have	be	give	go	eat
know	meet	move	work	write	

A HOUSE WITH HISTORY

Present Perfect, *for and since*

1 **T7.1** Look at the pictures. Listen and read about John.
Answer the questions.

- 1 Where does he live?
- 2 What's his job?
- 3 Where did he meet his wife?
- 4 Does he have any children?

2 Read about John's flat. Why is it famous? Who lived there?
When? What tense are the verbs in **bold**? Why?

3 Work with a partner. Read the questions.
Are they about **John (J)** or **Karl Marx (KM)**?

- 1 How long has he lived in the flat? **J**
- 2 How long did he live in the flat? _____
- 3 Where does he work? _____
- 4 How long has he worked there? _____
- 5 What was his job in London? _____
- 6 Which newspaper did he write for? _____
- 7 How long has he been married? _____
- 8 How long was he married? _____

John

"Hi! I'm John. I live in London. I have a flat in Dean Street, Soho. **I've lived** here for three years. I'm a press photographer. **I've worked** for *The London Gazette* since 2010. My wife's name is Fay. **We've been** married for two years. We met at university. Fay's a receptionist at the Ritz Hotel. I get around town on a motorbike. **I've had** it since I was 25. Fay goes by bus. We don't have any children yet."

John's flat today

- 4 Ask and answer the questions in exercise 3 with your partner.

T7.2 Listen and check. Practise again.

GRAMMAR SPOT

- 1 What are the tenses in these sentences?
Why are they used?

Karl Marx **lived** there for five years.

John **has lived** there for three years.

Find more examples in the texts.

- 2 How do we form the Present Perfect?

- 3 Look at the examples. When do we use *for*?
When do we use *since*?

for three years/two hours/a long time

since six o'clock/Monday/2009/July

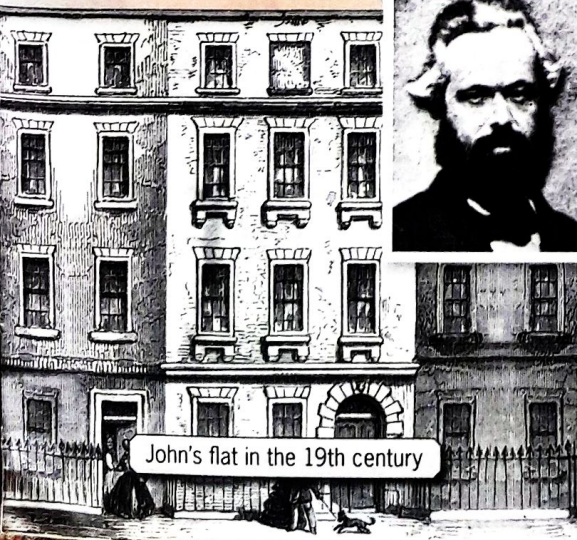
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- 5 Read the texts again. What differences and similarities are there between John and Karl Marx?



John's flat

John's flat is famous. Karl Marx, the German philosopher and historian, **lived** there for five years in the 19th century. He **moved** to London in 1849 and **worked** as a foreign correspondent for an American newspaper. He **wrote** for *The New York Daily Tribune*. He **was** married to Jenny von Westphalen for 38 years. They **had** seven children.



John's flat in the 19th century

PRACTICE

for or since?

- 1 Complete the time expressions with *for* or *since*.

_____ half an hour

_____ a long time

_____ October

_____ 2001

_____ ten o'clock

_____ last Tuesday

_____ I was 14

_____ three months

_____ a couple of weeks

- 2 Match the lines in A and B with a sentence in C. There is more than one possible answer. Read them aloud to a partner.

A

- 1 I've known John
- 2 I last went to the cinema
- 3 I've had this watch
- 4 I lived in New York
- 5 I've lived in this house
- 6 We last had a holiday
- 7 I haven't seen you
- 8 We haven't had a break

B

- from 2005 to 2007.
- for over an hour.
- two weeks ago.
- since 2008.
- since I was a child.
- for ages.
- for three years.
- two years ago.

C

- We went to Spain.
- We met at university.
- I really need a coffee.
- My Grandpa gave it to me.
- I had a great time there.
- What have you been up to?
- The film was really boring.
- It's got a beautiful garden.

T7.3 Listen, compare, and practise. Make similar sentences about you.

Asking questions

- 3 Complete the conversations. What tense is used in each question?

A Where do you live, Susan?

B In a flat near the town centre.

A How long _____ there?

B For three years.

A Why _____ move there?

B Because we wanted to be in a nicer area.

T7.4 Listen and check. Practise the conversation with a partner.

- 4 With your partner, make more conversations using these prompts.

1

- A What ... do?
- B I work ...
- A How long ...?
- B For ...
- A What ... do before that?
- B I worked ...

2

- A ... know Dave Brown?
- B Yes, I ...
- A How long ...?
- B For ...
- A Where ... meet him?
- B We ...

T7.5 Listen and compare.

- 5 Work with a partner. Ask and answer questions with *How long ...?*
Then ask for more information.

How long have you lived/worked/had/known ...?

Where did you ...? What ...? Why ...?

UNIT 7

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7.1 Present Perfect

Form

have/has + -ed (past participle)

The past participle of regular verbs ends in *-ed*. There are many common irregular verbs. See the list on p158.

Positive and negative

I You/We/They	've (have) haven't	won a competition.
He/She/It	's (has) hasn't	

Question

Have	I you/we/they	been to the United States?
Has	he/she/it	

Short answer

Have you been to Las Vegas?

Has she ever written a novel?

Yes, I have./No, I haven't.

Yes, she has./No, she hasn't.

Note

We cannot use *I've*, *they've*, *he's*, etc. in short answers.

Yes, I have. NOT ~~*Yes, I've.*~~

Yes, we have. NOT ~~*Yes, we've.*~~

Use

- 1 The Present Perfect expresses an action or state which began in the past and continues to the present.

I've known John for six years.

How long have you worked for The London Gazette?

The time expressions *for* and *since* are common with this use.

We use *for* with a period of time, and *since* with a point in time.

We've lived here for three years. (a period of time)

They've lived here since 2010. (a point in time)

Note

In many languages, this use is expressed by a present tense. But in English, we say:

Peter **has been** a teacher for ten years.

NOT ~~Peter is a teacher for ten years.~~

- 2 The Present Perfect connects the present and the past. It expresses experiences in life before now.

I've met a lot of famous people. (before now)

She has won a lot of awards. (in her life)

I've travelled a lot in Africa. (in my life)

She's written three books. (up to now)

The action can continue to the present, and probably into the future.

He's made six TV programmes. (So far. He'll probably make more.)

Ever and never are common with this use.

Have you ever been to Africa?

I've never played poker.

- 3 The Present Perfect expresses a past action with results in the present. It is often a recent past action.

I've lost my wallet. (I haven't got it now.)

The taxi's arrived. (It's outside the door now.)

Has the postman been? (Is there a parcel for me?)

The adverbs just, already, and yet are common with this use.

Yet is used in questions and negatives.

She's just had some good news.

I've already had breakfast.

Has the postman been yet?

It's 11.00 and she hasn't got up yet.



7.2 Present Perfect and Past Simple

- 1 Read and compare the use of the Past Simple and the Present Perfect in these sentences.

I lived in Paris for two years, from 2007–2009. (The action is finished.)

I've lived in London since 2009. (I still do. The action is not finished.)

I've been to Scotland. (This is an experience in my life.)

I went with my husband two years ago. (At a definite past time.)

'Have you ever flown in a helicopter?' 'Yes, I have.'

'Where did you fly?' 'I flew over New York.'

'Oh dear, I've broken my glasses.'

'What happened?'

'I dropped them.'

- 2 These are common time expressions used with the Past Simple and the Present Perfect.

Past Simple	Present Perfect
last week	since Monday
yesterday	ever
the day before yesterday	never
in 1999	just
on July 21 st	already
three months ago	yet
for two weeks (but now ended)	for two weeks (and continues)

AN ARCHAEOLOGIST

Present Perfect – *ever* and *never*

1 Look at the photos of Frieda Hoffmann and read the introduction. What's her nationality? Which countries has she been to? What are her passions?

2 Read the interview with Frieda and write the questions on the correct line.

Have you always been interested ...?

~~When did you first go abroad?~~

Why did you move there?

Have you ever discovered anything?

How many times have you been to Egypt?

~~Which countries have you been to?~~

How many books have you written?

... have you ever been in any dangerous situations?

How did you travel?

T 7.6 Listen and check.

3 Work with a partner. Ask and answer questions about Frieda.

- Which countries ... been to?

Which countries has she been to?

She's been to Egypt, Algeria, Kenya, South Africa, China, ...

- ... ever / South America?
- When / move / England?
- Where / her father get a job?
- When / see / the Tutankhamun Exhibition?
- How many times / to Egypt?
- How many books ...?

GRAMMAR SPOT

1 What are the tenses in these sentences?

You've **travelled** a lot in your lifetime.

Which countries **have** you **been** to?

When I **was** six, my family **moved** to England.

Which tense refers to a definite time in the past?

Which tense refers to an experience some time in your life?

2 The adverbs *ever* and *never* are often used with the Present Perfect.

Have you **ever** been in danger?

I've **never** been to South America.

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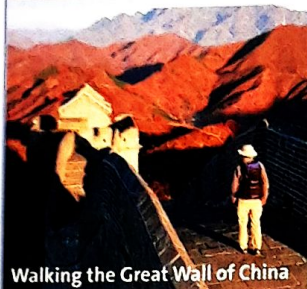


Frieda Hoffmann
archaeologist and writer

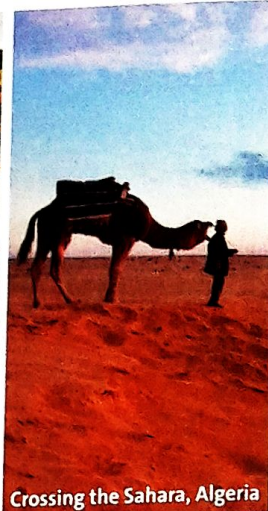
Frieda Hoffmann was born in Germany, but she has lived most of her life abroad. She has a passion for history and ancient civilizations. Her greatest love is Africa, and she has written several books about ancient Egypt.



Driving in South Africa



Walking the Great Wall of China



Crossing the Sahara, Algeria



The River Nile, Kenya



Archaeological site, Egypt

I Frieda, you've travelled a lot in your lifetime.

¹ Which countries have you been to?

F Well, I've been to a lot of countries in Africa and Asia, but I've never been to South America.

I ² When did you first go abroad?

F When I was six, my family moved to England.

I ³ _____?

F Because my father got a job as Professor of History at Cambridge University.

I ⁴ _____ in archaeology?

F Yes, I have. When I was ten, there was an exhibition of Tutankhamun, the Egyptian king, in London. My father took me to see it, and I was fascinated! After that I knew that I wanted to go to Egypt and be an archaeologist.

I ⁵ _____?

F Twenty times at least! I go as often as I can.

I ⁶ _____?

F Yes, I've made some very important discoveries. I was the leader of a team that discovered some ancient tombs near Cairo.

I You've written books about Egypt, haven't you?

⁷ _____?

F I've written three about the pharaohs. And I've written a book about a journey I made from Cairo to Cape Town.

I ⁸ _____? By train? By car?

F In a Land Rover, of course!

I In all your travels, ⁹ _____?

F Oh, goodness, yes! I've often been in danger. But in situations like that you learn so much about yourself.

PRACTICE

Present Perfect or Past Simple?

- 1 **T 7.7** Listen and complete some lines from an interview with Frieda.

- 1 Do you go back to Germany much?
“ No, I don't. I _____ back a few times, but I've _____ there again.”
- 2 What _____ you _____ at university?
“ I _____ Ancient History at Cambridge.”
- 3 _____ you _____ an ordinary job?
“ Of course I _____! I _____ all sorts of things! After university I _____ any money.”
So what _____ you _____?
“ I _____ in a restaurant! I _____ it!”
- 4 What's the most dangerous situation you _____ in?
“ Well, I _____ a very bad car crash in Cairo. I _____ seriously injured, and _____ several bones.”

What extra information did you hear? With a partner, practise the questions and answers.

- 2 Ask and answer more questions about Frieda. When did she do these things?

Has she ever ...

Yes, she has.

When did she do that?

- 1 ... cross/the Sahara? (in her early thirties)
- 2 ... walk/the Great Wall of China? (in 1995)
- 3 ... travel/up the Nile? (a student)
- 4 ... work/in a restaurant? (left university)

Talking about you

- 3 Choose one of the questions in the box. Stand up and ask everyone in the class.

Have you ever ...?

done anything dangerous?
broken your arm or your leg?
lost something important?
been to Africa?

slept in a tent?
worked in a restaurant?
been to hospital?
written a story?

When you find someone who says Yes, ask more questions.

Have you ever done anything dangerous?

Yes, I have.

What / When / How / Why ...?