



The Present Perfect

formation and use



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have/has + Ved/VIII

affirmative

I have worked

He has worked

She has worked

It has worked

We have worked

You have worked

They have worked

interrogative

Have I worked?

Has he worked?

Has she worked?

Has it worked?

Have we worked?

Have you worked?

Have they worked?

negative

I haven't worked

He hasn't worked

She hasn't worked

It hasn't worked

We haven't worked

You haven't worked

They haven't worked

Contracted forms. I've worked He's worked You've worked. I haven't worked. Has he not worked?



The use of the Present Perfect

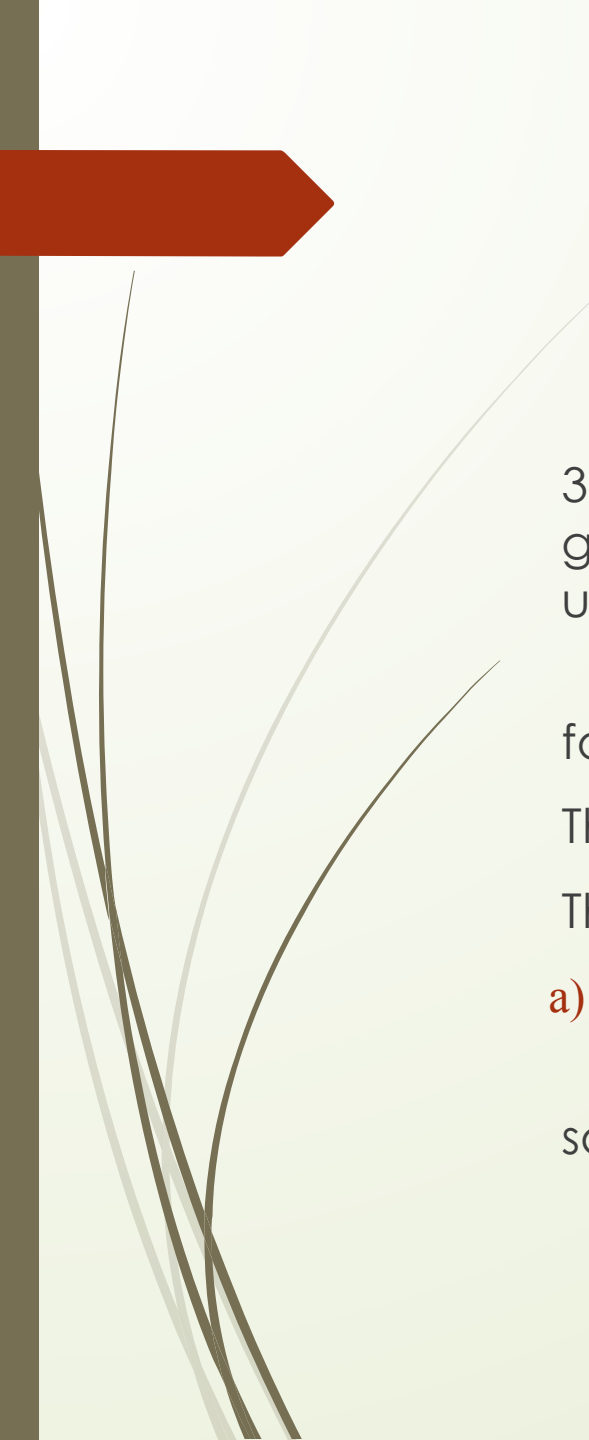
- 1) The Present Perfect denotes a completed action connected with the present.

I am a little frightened for I **have lost** my way.

The Present Perfect is frequently used with the adverbs *just, yet, already* and *of late*.

- 2) The Present Perfect is used in adverbial clauses of time after the conjunctions *when, till, until, before, after, as soon as* to denote an action completed before a definite moment in the future.

I am not going till you **have answered** me.



3) The Present Perfect denotes an action which began in the past, has been going on up to the present and is still going on. In this case for and since are used.

Mr. Cowperwood, I have known you known for something like fourteen years.

This use of the Present Perfect is called the **Present Perfect Inclusive**.

The Present Perfect Inclusive is used:

a) With verbs not admitting in the Continuous form.

“There’s nothing to be done. She is dead-**has been dead** for hours”
said the doctor.



b) in negative sentences. (In this case Present Perfect Continuous is not possible)

I **have not slept** since that night.

c) With non-terminative verbs such as to live, to work, to study, to teach, to travel, etc. (in this case Present Perfect Continuous is possible.)

I **have worked** upon this problem for a long time without reaching any conclusion.

In the following cases the Present Perfect is not used.

What did you say? Что вы сказали?

Now I understand. Теперь я понял.
