**TOPIC 1 Experience**

You can use the Present Perfect to describe your experience. It is like saying, "**I have the experience of**..." You can also use this tense to say that you have never had a certain experience. The Present Perfect is NOT used to describe a specific event.

* I think I **have seen** that movie before.
* He **has** never **traveled** by train.
* Joan **has studied** two foreign languages.

### TOPIC 2 Change Over Time

### We often use the Present Perfect to talk about change that has happened over a period of time.

* You **have grown** since the last time I saw you.
* The government **has become** more interested in industrial education.
* My English **has** really **improved** since I started in JIC.

### TOPIC 3 Accomplishments

We often use the Present Perfect to list the accomplishments of individuals and humanity. You cannot mention a specific time.

* Man **has walked** on the Moon.
* Our son **has learned** how to read.
* Doctors **have cured** many deadly diseases.
* Scientists **have split** the atom.

**TOPIC 4 An Uncompleted Action You Are Expecting**

We often use the Present Perfect to say that an action which we expected has not happened. Using the Present Perfect suggests that we are still waiting for the action to happen.

Examples:

* James **has not finished** his homework yet.
* Susan **hasn't mastered** Japanese, but she can communicate.
* Bill **has** still **not arrived**.
* The rain **hasn't stopped**.

### TOPIC 5 Multiple Actions at Different Times

We also use the Present Perfect to talk about several different actions which have occurred in the past at different times. Present Perfect suggests the process is not complete and more actions are possible.

Examples:

* The Syrian army **has attacked** that city five times.
* I **have had** three quizzes and more than five units this semester.
* We **have had** many major problems while working on this project.
* She **has talked** to several specialists about her problem, but nobody knows why she is sick.

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