



El presente perfecto

The Present Perfect Tense

¿Qué es el presente perfecto?

What is the Present Perfect?

This tense is the equivalent of saying in English: "have....(done)" It is formed by combining a helping verb ("have" or "has") with the past participle.

Por ejemplo, en inglés...

- I have played tennis.
- She has sung at weddings.
- We have flown in a plane.



Formation of the Present Perfect

It is formed by combining the present tense of the verb *haber* (the helping verb) with a past participle.

■ For example:

■ Yo **he bailado**.

I have danced.

■ Nosotros no **hemos estudiado** para el examen.

We haven't studied for the test.

The present tense of the helping verb: *haber*

he	hemos
has	habéis
ha	han

Formation of the Past Participle...

For *-ar* verbs, take the stem of the verb and add *-ado*

comprar → *comprado*

For *-er* and *-ir* verbs, take the stem of the verb and add *-ido*

tener → *tenido*

-Ar Verb Formation...

Here are the present perfect forms of *estudiar*:

he estudiado	hemos estudiado
has estudiado	habéis estudiado
ha estudiado	han estudiado

-Er/-Ir Verb Formation...

Here are the present perfect forms of *comer*:

he comido	hemos comido
has comido	habéis comido
ha comido	han comido

Irregulars

The following verbs have irregular past participles ending in *-to*:

Verb	Irregular Past Participle	English Meaning
abrir --	abierto	opened
cubrir --	cubierto	covered
descubrir --	descubierto	discovered
escribir --	escrito	written
morir --	muerto	died
poner --	puesto	put/placed
romper -	roto	broken
ver --	visto	seen
volver -	vuelto	returned

More irregulars

These verbs have irregular past participles ending in *-cho*:

decir → **dicho**
hacer → **hecho**

¡Practicamos!

See if you can form the correct present perfect using the subject and verb given.

Modelo: yo / decidir → He decidido

- ella / abrir
Ha abierto
- Marta y yo / tocar
Hemos tocado
- Gonzalo / crecer
Ha crecido

Más práctica...

- Tú y tus amigos / reír
Han reído ó habéis reído
- Mis padres / hacer
Han hecho
- Tus abuelos / cubrir
Han cubierto
- Rogelio y Ramón / escribir
Han escrito