

The Present Perfect Simple #3

In our two previous Tip Sheets – The Present Perfect Simple #1 & #2 - we looked at how we use the *Present Perfect Simple* to talk about an event in the past **but** we do not give the time:

I've seen Michael Jackson in concert.

She's acted in Hamlet four times.

and, how we also use it to talk about something which started in the past and has not finished:

I've lived in Manchester for five years.

She's had her car since 2018.

There is another way we can use the *Present Perfect Simple*.

To talk about something that finished a short time before now.

For example:

Yes! I've finished my homework!

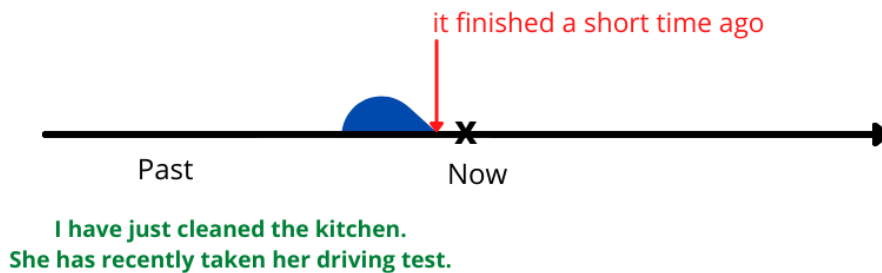
She's dropped an egg on the floor.

You will also see that we often use words like **just or recently** to show that something happened a short time ago...

He's just passed his driving test.

We've recently moved into a new house.

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Remember how we make the Present Perfect Simple:

Statements

Subject	auxiliary verb	adverbial	main verb (past participle/Verb 3)
I You We They	have	just recently not long ago	seen eaten drunk
She He It	has		been played cooked

She has just phoned her mum.

I have recently changed my job.

Negatives

Subject	auxiliary verb	negative	main verb (past participle/Verb 3)	adverbial
I You We They	have	not (n't)	seen eaten drunk	recently
She He It	has		been played cooked	

I haven't been to work recently.

He hasn't seen his mother recently.

Warning!

When we use **just** with a negative Present Perfect Simple like this, it has a different meaning! It means **not only**.

I haven't just been at work. = I have been at work **and** I have done something else as well.

She hasn't just made dinner. = Maybe she has also made sandwiches for tomorrow's lunch.

Questions

Auxiliary verb	subject	adverbial	main verb (past participle/Verb 3)
Have	I you we they	just recently	lived been taught
Has	she he it		learnt played worked

Have you just finished your exam?

Have you recently stopped smoking?

If you have enjoyed these 3 Present Perfect Simple Tip Sheets, then look out for our even more advanced Present Perfect Simple Tip Sheets. Coming soon!

Regards,

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