Spot the present perfect: answers

What your child practised: spotting the present perfect (has or have + a verb), knowing it tells us something is still true now, and telling it apart from the simple past (Year 3 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

Ben **has eaten** his lunch. · The girls **have finished**.

Page 2 · What has changed?

Answers will vary, such as **The spoon has gone.** / **You have turned the cup over.**

Page 2 · A. Present perfect?

✓ has gone, have flown, has painted
× has a red bike, have two cats, have a cold

Page 3 · B. Underline

has started · **have packed**
has stopped · **have planted**

Page 3 · C. SP or PP?

Leo found a coin. **SP** · Leo has found a coin. **PP**
The bus has left. **PP** · Ava baked a cake. **SP**

Page 3 · D. Time detective

1. **No**, the keys are still lost. 2. **No**, the snow has gone.

Page 3 · Challenge

No. In **Max has a ball**, has is the only verb: it means Max owns a ball. The present perfect needs has or have **plus another verb**, like **Max has kicked the ball**.

Watch out for

- **Thinking any "has" is the present perfect** (Max has a ball). Ask, "Is there another verb straight after has or have?"
- **Mixing up found and has found.** Both are about the past. The simple past (found) just tells us it happened; the present perfect (has found) also tells us it matters now.
- **Short forms.** In **he's gone**, he's means he has. In **he's happy**, it means he is.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **News reporter:** your child reports what has happened at home today: "Breaking news! Dad has burnt the toast!"
- **Spot it:** listen for has and have + a verb on the radio or in a story: "The rain has stopped."
- **In the game:** Chapter 2, Helper Garden: Has or have?, shows when to use has and when to use have.