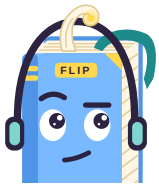
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Spot the present perfect

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1 Learn



The **present perfect** is a verb made of two words: **has** or **have**, plus a verb like **gone**. It tells us something happened, and it is **still true now**.



A note on the door says:

Max **has** **gone** **to the park.**

He went to the park, and he is **still there now**. That's why nobody answers the door!

Find the present perfect:

Look! Mia has found the key.

1. Look for **has** or **have**: **has**.
2. Is there a verb straight after it? Yes: **found**.
3. So **has found** is the present perfect. She found it, and she **still has it now**.
4. But in **Mia has a key**, has is on its own. It just means she owns one: not the present perfect.

Flip's tip: the present perfect always has **two** verb words working together: **has** or **have**, then a verb like gone, found or eaten.

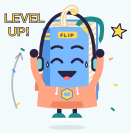
Warm up: underline the two words that make the present perfect.

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

Grown-ups: schools call has gone the present perfect, and went the simple past. Point out present perfect verbs when you read: "has started", "have arrived". Ask, "Is it still true now?"

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



What has changed?

You need: 5 small things on a table, like a spoon, a sock, a cup, a book and a toy. A tea towel to cover them.

1. The child looks at the things for a moment, then closes their eyes.
2. The grown-up hides one thing, moves one, or turns one upside down.
3. The child opens their eyes and says what has changed, using **has** or **have**: "The sock **has gone**!" "You **have moved** the cup!"
4. Swap, and play a few rounds. Write some of your sentences in the table.

What has changed? (a present perfect sentence)	The two verb words
The sock has gone.	has gone

Grown-ups: the present perfect fits this game because the change has happened and is still true now: the sock is still gone. If your child says "The sock went", that's fine too, but ask, "Can you say it with has?"

3 Practise

A. Is it the present perfect? Tick ✓ or cross ×.

Max has gone out. ☐	Max has a red bike. ☐
The birds have flown away. ☐	We have two cats. ☐
Zoe has painted a picture. ☐	I have a cold. ☐

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B. Underline the present perfect verb in each sentence. It has two words.

The film has started.	We have packed our bags.
Look, it has stopped raining!	The children have planted seeds.

C. Simple past or present perfect? Write **SP** or **PP**.

Leo found a coin. ☐	Leo has found a coin. ☐
The bus has left. ☐	Ava baked a cake. ☐

D. Be a time detective. What is true **now**? Answer in a sentence.

1. **Mum has lost her keys.** Can Mum find her keys now?

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2. **The snow has melted.** Can we build a snowman now?

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Challenge

Sam says, "**Max has a ball** is the present perfect, because it has the word has in it." Is he right? Explain how you know.

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I can…

Tick when you can.

- ☐ spot has or have + a verb, like has gone
- ☐ say that it tells me something is still true now
- ☐ tell it apart from has on its own, like has a ball