

# PRESENT PERFECT :SIMPLE or CONTINUOUS?

## A : REMEMBER

### PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

It is HAVE or HAS + PAST PARTICIPLE. The past participle of regular verbs ends in ED → played \* watched \* listened.....

But as you know there are many irregular verbs which you have to learn by heart → Lost \*done \* been\* written ..... Which corresponds to the third column of most lists of irregular verbs.

Ex : Mike has lost his mobile, he can't find it. 😡



## B:USE AND MEANING

When we use the present perfect we don't specify when the action happened.

There is always a connection with NOW. What interests us most is THE RESULT of that past action NOW

- "Where's your mobile?" "I don't know, I've lost it so I haven't got it now
- "Is John here?" "No, he's gone out ". (he is out now)
- I can't find my wallet. Have you seen it? ( do you know where it is now?)



## C :UNSPECIFIC TIME EXPRESSIONS

We can use the present perfect with different time expressions such as JUST ALREADY YET ONCE NEVER MANY TIMES BEFORE SO FAR...

Ex : JUST = a short time ago

- 'Would you need some help?' "No, thanks I've just finished.
- You've missed her, she has just left

ALREADY to say that something happened sooner than expected;

- "Don't forget to send the boss the e-mail , will you?" "I 've already sent it
- "What time is the plane taking off.?" "It has already taken off

YET ='until now' it means that the speaker is expecting something to happen.

We use YET only in questions and negative sentences.

- Have you finished writing you essay yet?
- My parents haven't booked for our next holidays yet
- Have you ever tried bungee jumping?

## D : FOR and SINCE REMEMBER (see particular lesson on FOR and SINCE)

I have lived in this town since 2001

I have lived in this town for 12 years