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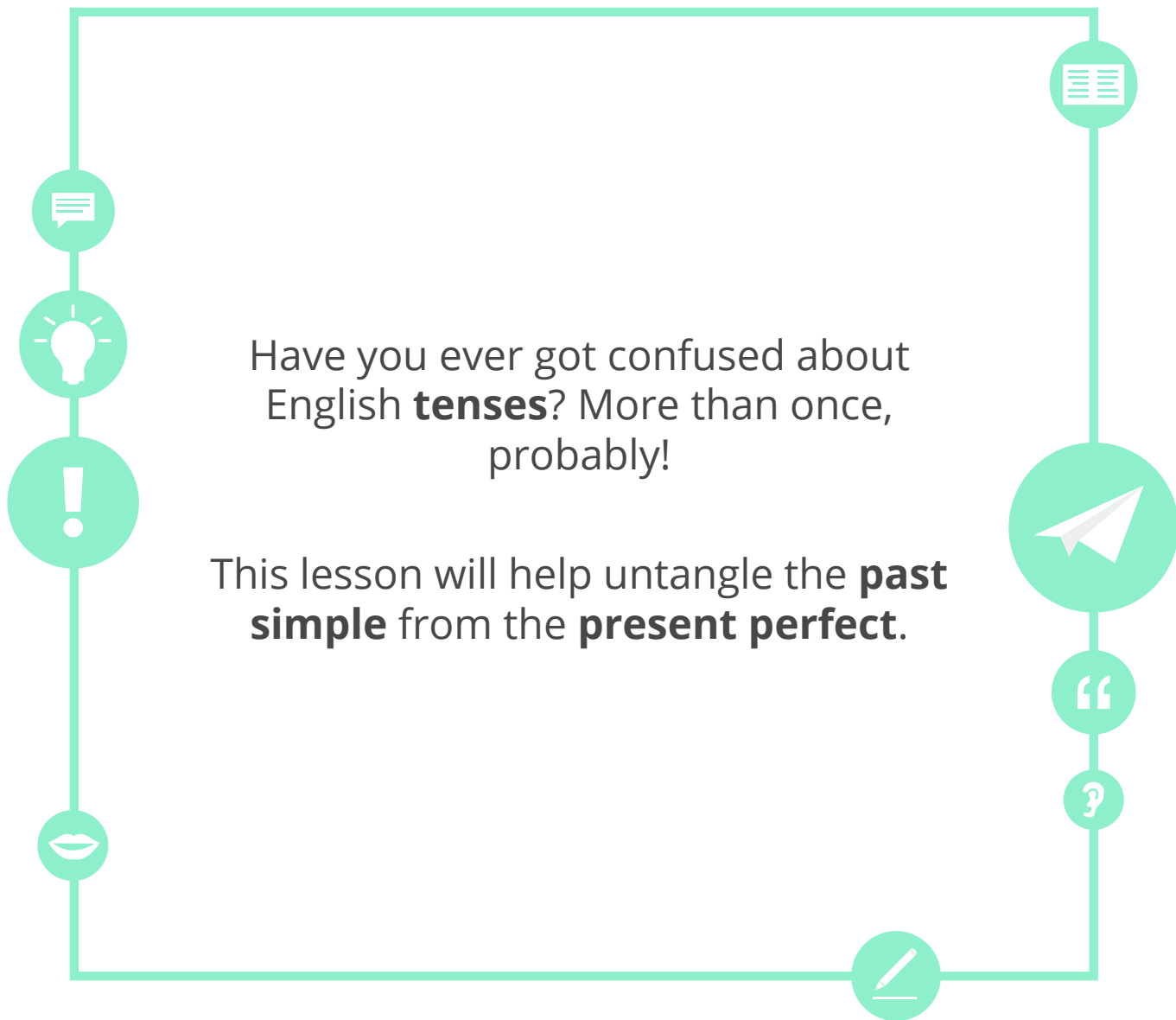




Goals

- Learn the differences between the past simple and the present perfect
- Practise talking about the past
- Review regular and irregular verbs







Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson you are going to learn about the differences between the **past simple** and the **present perfect** and you will talk about your **past experiences**.



I have always been on time for work.



The past simple

- We use the **past simple** to talk about **when something happened**.
- We often use words and phrases such as *last week*, *ago*, *in 2009*, and *at 4pm*.

Question	Positive	Negative
Did she go to London last week?	She went to London last week.	She didn't go to London last week.
Did you meet with our clients in England?	I met with our clients in England.	I didn't meet with our clients in England.
Did you attend the meeting last week?	I attended the meeting last week.	I didn't attend the meeting last week.



The present perfect

- We use the **present perfect** to talk about **experiences** in our **life up to now**, but we don't say exactly when they happened.
- In this context we often use the words: ***never*** and ***ever, yet, already, and so far.***

Question	Positive	Negative
Have you ever been to a trade fair?	I have been to a trade fair.	I have never been to a trade fair.
Have you been happy with my work so far?	I've been happy with your work so far.	I haven't been happy with your work so far.
Have they finished the project yet?	They have already finished the project.	They haven't finished the project yet.



Past simple and present perfect

- When someone asks a **question** in the **present perfect**, we can answer in the **present perfect** or the **past simple**.
- It depends if you want to give more information or not.

Question	Answer
Have you ever been to Rome?	Yes, I have.
Have you ever been to Rome?	Yes, I went in 2015.
Has she met your parents yet?	Yes, she has.
Has she met your parents yet?	Yes, she met them last weekend.



For and since

We often use the words **for** and **since** in the **present perfect**. We can also use **for** with the **past simple**. You need to be careful how you use them.

- **For** tells us **how long** an action goes on
- **Since** tells us when an action **started**

For	Since
For 20 years	Since 1997
For a long time	Since I can remember
For ages	Since she was young
For all his life	Since he was born





Been and gone



- We use **been** to say we went somewhere and came back.
- We use **gone** to say we went somewhere but haven't returned yet.



She has **gone** to China.



Positive and negative practice: the past simple

Look at the sentences below and turn them into the negative form

1. She went to Manchester last week.



She didn't go to Manchester last week.

2. I met with our clients a few days ago.



3. I bought a new iPad last year.



4. I attended the meeting last week.



5. I walked to work yesterday.





Positive and negative practice: present perfect

Look at the sentences below and turn them into the negative form

1. I have been to London.



I haven't been to London.

2. I have worked as a freelancer before.



3. I have already met with our clients.



4. The director has decided to relocate the company.



5. She has finished her task.





Find the mistakes

Five of these sentences have mistakes with the present perfect or past simple in them. Can you find them?

1. Have you been to the trade fair last month?
2. I spoke to Tim yesterday.
3. She has been at this company for a long time.
4. The company didn't update its software since 2009.
5. Yuri has worked for an advertising agency when he was at university.
6. Have you ever been to Jordan?
7. I never met him but I hope I will one day.
8. I like your suit. How long did you have it for?





For or since?

I have lived here
_____ I was
born.

He lived there
_____ 20
years before he
moved abroad.

I haven't been to work
_____ ages.

She hasn't spoken to
me _____ we
left school.



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the words below and then answer the questions.
You can answer with present perfect or past simple.

spoken

had

been

smoked

1. Have you ever _____ on a business trip?
2. Have you ever _____ in the office?
3. Have you ever _____ experience working as an engineer?
4. Have you ever _____ English with an Australian person?

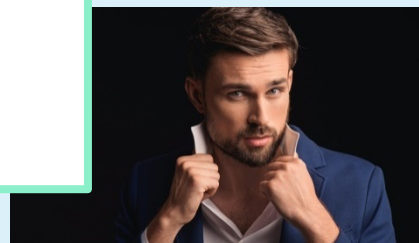




Choose the verbs

Read about Peter's life. Choose the correct verbs.

Peter **was/has been** born in Los Angeles, California. He **was/has been** a model all his life. He **starred/has starred** in his first photo shoot when he **was/has been** 2 months old. John **published/has published** two books of his photographs and he wants to publish another one. So far, he **earned/has earned** over \$12 million in his career – last year he **made/has made** more than \$2 million.





Writing

Using the previous page to help you, write a short text about your academic and professional life up to now. You may wish to include some of the suggested words below.

achieved

graduated

Worked as

studied

skills

learnt

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Read your text

**Read your text aloud. Have you used the correct tenses?
Do they have any questions?**





The present perfect

- We also use the **present perfect** for something which happened very **recently**.
- The word we often hear with this is ***just***.

I have just had lunch – I'm so full.

She has just called me to say she'll be late.

He has just left – you can probably catch him.

She has just come out of the interview and said it went well.





Action or result?

- Sometimes we use the **present perfect** to focus on the **result** of the action.
- We use the **past simple** to focus simply on the **action**.

Action	Result
I bought a new car.	I have just bought a new car – look!
He finished shooting the film.	He has finished shooting the film – now we can watch it.
What did you do today? Tell me.	What have you done today? Show me.



The present perfect

- We use the **present perfect simple** to say **how many times** we have done something.

- I have been to Paris **three times**.
- I have only ever received a complaint **once**.
- I've been to hundreds of conferences.





Read through the dialogue. Notice which actions have present results.



Hi Tom. I telephoned you yesterday morning about the report but you didn't pick up. How come?



Sorry Fran, I was in a meeting. Unfortunately I've been very busy recently so I haven't finished my section of the report yet, but I've made good progress on the introduction.



That's alright. Have you managed to chase up our clients that haven't paid us yet?



I've arranged to meet with them next week to discuss the matter.



Present results

**What is the difference between these pairs of sentences?
What might come after the sentence, or how would someone reply?**

1. Someone has opened the window./Someone opened the window.
2. George has broken his leg./George broke his leg before the match.
3. I have lost my keys!/I lost my keys yesterday.
4. I have made a cake./I made a cake.
5. I have bought a new computer./I bought a new computer.





Just

Fill in the gaps with *just* and an appropriate verb.

1. Are you hungry? No, I've _____ lunch.
2. Have you been at work today? Yes, I've _____ back.
3. Where are you going? Mike has _____ a new car – I'm going for a ride.
4. I heard you are doing a typing course – can you help with this? I've _____ so I'm not very good yet, sorry.





What have they just done?

**What do you think the people in the pictures have just done?
Can you imagine what they're saying?**





About you

**What have you
just done?**

lunch

finish work

fall off your
chair



Complete the sentences

Complete these sentences with your own ideas.

1. I have never...
2. I have _____ once in my life.
3. I have _____ three or four times in my life.
4. I have _____ many times.
5. I have _____ more times than I can remember!



Game

I've never...

Think of three things you have or haven't done in your life.

Two should be true, and one false.

Your classmates and teacher will ask you questions for more details to try to catch your lie.

I have met the Queen of England.



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key (1/2)

Exercise p. 12

1. Did you go to..., 2. -, 3. -, 4. Has not updated it's software..., 5. Yuri worked for..., 6. -, 7. I have never, 8. How long have you had it for?

Exercise p. 11

I haven't been to London, I've never worked as a freelancer before, I haven't met with our clients yet, The director has not decided to relocate our company yet, She hasn't finished her task yet.

Exercise p. 10

She didn't go to Manchester last week, 2. I didn't meet with our clients a few weeks ago, 3. I didn't buy a new iPad last year, 4. I didn't attend the meeting last week, 5. I didn't walk to work yesterday.



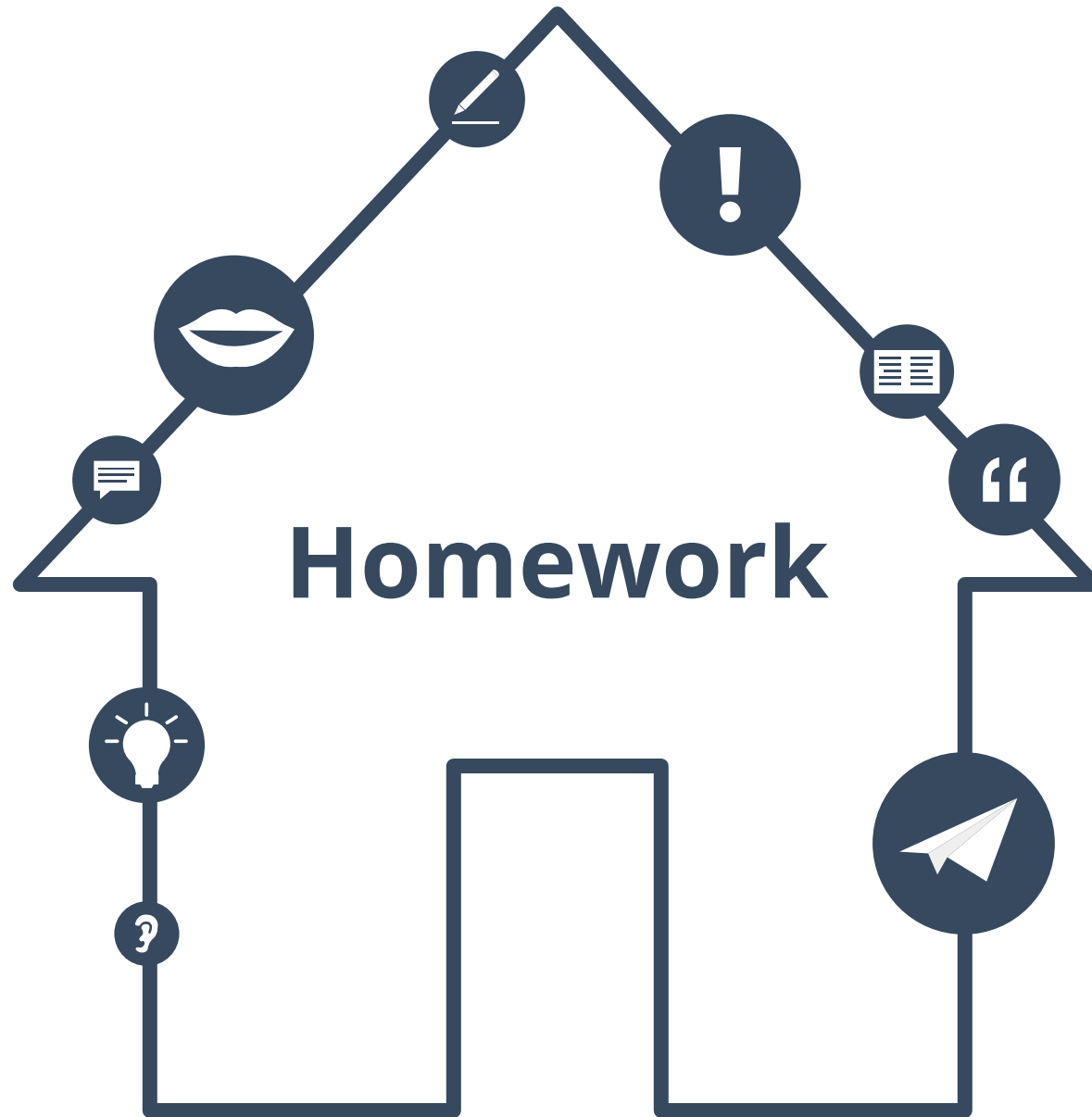
Answer key (2/2)

Exercise p. 13
Since, for, for, since

Exercise p. 14
1. been, 2. smoked, 3. had, 4. spoken

Exercise p. 15
was, has been, starred, was, has published, has earned, made

Exercise p. 23
1. just had, 2. just got/come, 3. just bought, 4. just started





Unscramble the questions

A

ever

to

you

Have

been

the USA?

B

ever

disgusting?

you

something

Have

eaten

[illegible]



Homework answer key

Activity p. 32

A. Have you ever been to the USA? B. Have you ever eaten something disgusting?



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