

Using the Present Perfect Tense: Read through the slides below to help you understand what we mean by the 'present perfect tense'.

Using the Present Perfect

WALT: Use the present perfect.

Starter Activity

My friend Kashaan has lived in this town for five years and we have been best friends all that time. Before he came to our town, he was in Birmingham but his mum got a new job so the family moved here. When I met Kashaan, he spoke with a 'brummie' accent, but his dad says he has taken on the way I speak, so now he sounds as if he has been here all his life!

2. Separate the verbs into 'past ideas' and 'present ideas'.

What's the Difference?

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family **moved** here.
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past now future

It's all about the timing...

Past tense is used for activities or events that started and finished in the past.

Present perfect tense is used for activities that started in the past but are still true now, or have an effect on what is happening now.

Using the Present Perfect Tense

We know that the present perfect tense is used for activities that started in the past but are still true now, or have an effect on what is happening now.

To form it you need to use the past participle of the main verb after the auxiliary 'have'.

i.e. use **has** or **have** + **past participle of the main verb**

eg. 'has eaten', 'has stolen', 'have chased'

If this seems a bit confusing, do have a look at the activity sheets (I have suggested two for you to choose between): often something makes more sense when you see the context of the question!

Activity:

1. Read Chapter 7 ('Holes') or ask someone to read it aloud to you. It is on the next page...

Holes!

Captain Starling peered through the leaves to see a beach covered in holes and mounds which the Black Pirates had made as they searched for the buried treasure. She had to smile. There must have been a hundred holes across the beach, but the treasure chest had not been found. From her hiding place she could hear the Black Pirates complaining about all the digging they had done.

"I've been a pirate for thirty years," complained one as he stopped to rest, "and I have never dug so many holes!"

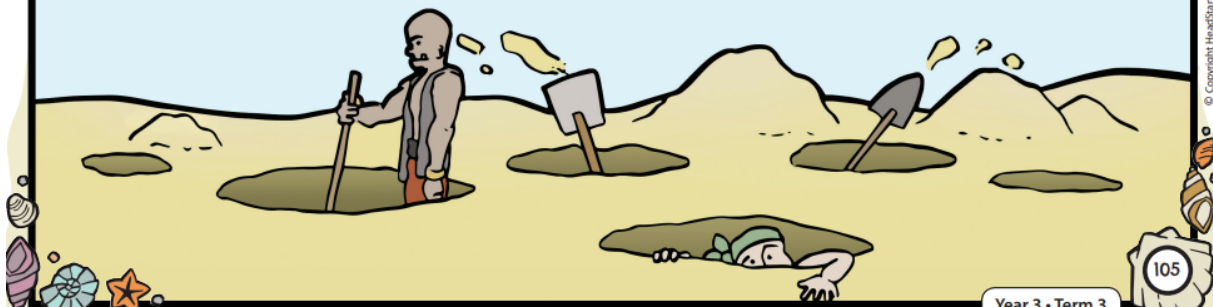
"I've got blisters on my thumbs from all this digging!" grumbled another.

"And I've hurt my back!" groaned a third leaning on his shovel.

"And I have never heard so much moaning," shouted the pirate who was obviously Blackheart.

"Hold your tongues, you whining pack of mutinous rogues and get back to yer digging!"

The Black Pirates reluctantly returned to their work, but they continued to grumble.



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2. Have a look at the red pirates sheet and the green pirates sheet below. With adult guidance, choose which one you think is the best for you to complete. Complete **one** sheet, writing the new sentences out in your book. Having a look at the first few questions on the red pirates sheet might give you the confidence to tackle the green pirates sheet.

Red Pirates

Name: _____

I can use the present perfect.



Write the correct form of the present perfect verb.

- 1 "I been hungry for hours!" (have/ has)
- 2 "I eaten for days!" (hasn't/ haven't)
- 3 "..... you got a sore arm?" (Has/ Have)
- 4 "We all got sore arms!" (have/ has)
- 5 "Those monkeys stolen our hats!" (have/ has)
- 6 "That monkey taken my cutlass!" (have/ has)
- 7 "I dug twenty holes!" (has/ have)
- 8 "He dug as many as me!" (haven't/ hasn't)
- 9 **Underline all the present perfect verbs.**

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"What have you done?" asked Blackheart.

"He said he has found something, Captain!"

A few minutes later she saw the Black Pirates heaving something heavy out of a hole.

"We've done it!" shouted Blackheart. "We've only gone and found the bloomin' treasure!"



Extension

Write what you think Captain Starling would say using the present perfect tense.

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- 1 "I hungry for hours!" (*be*)
- 2 "I my stomach rumbling!" (*hear*)
- 3 "..... you a sore arm?" (*get*)
- 4 "We our arms with all this digging!" (*hurt*)
- 5 "Those monkeys our hats!" (*steal*)
- 6 "That monkey my cutlass!" (*take*)
- 7 "You only ten holes!" (*dig*)
- 8 "He much harder than you!" (*work*)



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SPOILER ALERT!

ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE (FOR AN ADULT TO USE TO MARK YOUR WORK)

Holes! – Present perfect tense
Answers to pages 105 – 108

"I **have** been hungry for hours!"

"I **haven't** eaten for days!"

"**Have** you got a sore arm?"

"We **have** all got sore arms!"

"Those monkeys **have** stolen our hats!"

"That monkey **has** taken my cutlass!"

"I **have** dug twenty holes!"

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Green Pirates sheet answers (top half of sheet):

"I have been hungry for hours!"

"I have heard my stomach rumbling!"

"Have you got a sore arm?"

"We have hurt our arms with all this digging!"

"Those monkeys have stolen our hats!"

"That monkey has taken my cutlass!"

"You have dug only ten holes!"

"He has worked much harder than you!"