



When to use the present perfect:

1. to talk about a period of time that continues from the past until now.
Example – My mother has never cooked Russian food.
I haven't read Moby Dick yet.
2. Often used with "since" (a point in time) and "for" (period of time)
Example – **Since** 2012 I have eaten only vegetarian food.
Patel has lived in Escondido **for** 25 years.
3. Often used with time words like "how long, always, ever, never, yet, still, so far, just, already, and recently."
 - a. (How long) - How long have you lived in San Marcos?
 - b. (always) - I have always lived in San Marcos.
 - c. (ever – used in a question) - Have you ever traveled to China?
 - d. (never – the negative answer to "ever" – I have never traveled to China.
 - e. (yet – means "until now" – often used with a negative verb or a question) - Martha hasn't done her homework yet. / or Martha hasn't yet done her homework. / Has Martha done her homework yet?
 - f. (still – used with a negative verb) - Martha still hasn't done her homework.
 - g. (so far – up to a point) - So far Mike has completed half of the homework assignment. (or Mike has completed half of the homework assignment so far.)
 - h. (just – means a short time ago) - Manuel has just received his California driver's license.
 - i. (already - to say something happened sooner than expected) – Mohamed has already completed all his required ESL courses at Palomar College.)
 - j. (recently – not too long ago) - Have you heard about the new laws on texting and driving recently?