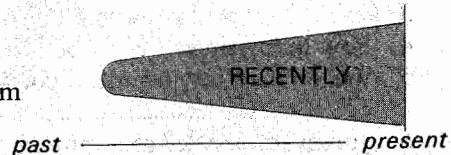


# UNIT 15 Present perfect (I have done) (3)

## a) Study this example:

Tom: **Have you heard** from George?  
Ann: No, he **hasn't written** to me recently.

We use the present perfect when we talk about a period of time that continues up to the present. Tom and Ann are talking about the period between a short time ago and now. So they say 'have you heard' and 'he hasn't written'.



Here are some more examples:

- Have you seen my dog? I can't find him anywhere.
- Everything is going fine. We **haven't had** any problems so far.
- We've met a lot of interesting people **in the last few days**.
- Fred **has been** ill a lot **in the past few years**, hasn't he?
- I **haven't seen** George recently. Have you?

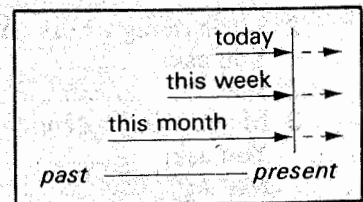
For sentences with **for** and **since** see Unit 18.

## b) We often use the present perfect with yet (see also Unit 107). Yet shows that the speaker is expecting something to happen. Use yet only in questions and negative sentences:

- Has it **stopped raining yet**? (*not* 'did it stop')
- I **haven't** told them about the accident yet. (*not* 'I didn't tell')

## c) We use the present perfect with **this morning** / **this evening** / **today** / **this week** / **this term** etc. (when these periods are not finished at the time of speaking):

- I've **smoked** ten cigarettes **today**. (perhaps I'll smoke more before today finishes)
- Has Ann **had** a holiday **this year**?
- I **haven't** seen Tom **this morning**. Have you?
- Ron **hasn't** studied very much **this term**.
- Bill is phoning his girl-friend again. That's the third time he's **phoned** her **this evening**.



## d) We also use the *present perfect continuous* (I have been doing) when we talk about a period of time continuing up to the present:

- I **haven't been feeling** very well recently.

For the present perfect continuous see Units 16–18.

For the present perfect and past simple see Units 20–1.

# UNIT 15 Exercises

15.1 In this exercise you have to make questions with the words given.

Example: (you / hear / from George recently?) Have you heard from George recently?

- 1 (you / read / a newspaper recently?) .....
- 2 (you / see / Tom in the past few days?) .....
- 3 (you / play / tennis recently?) .....
- 4 (you / eat / anything today?) .....
- 5 (you / see / any good films recently?) .....
- 6 (you / have / a holiday this year yet?) .....

15.2 This time answer the questions in the way shown. Use yet.

Example: Have you seen the new film at the local cinema?

I haven't seen it yet but I'm going to see it.

- 1 Have you eaten at the new Italian restaurant?  
I ..... yet but I'm .....
- 2 Have you bought a car?  
I ..... but I .....
- 3 Has Gerry asked Diana to marry him?  
He .....

15.3 This time you have to complete the sentence. Use so far.

Examples: I saw Tom yesterday but ..... I haven't seen him so far today.

It rained a lot last week but it hasn't rained much so far this week.

- 1 We ate a lot yesterday but we ..... much so far today.
- 2 It snowed a lot last winter but it ..... so far this winter.
- 3 I played tennis a lot last year but ..... this year.
- 4 She worked hard last term but ..... this term.
- 5 I watched television yesterday evening ..... this evening.
- 6 My favourite football team won a lot of matches last season but they ..... many matches so far this season.

15.4 In this exercise you have to read the situation and then finish a sentence.

Example: Ron is phoning Jill again. He has already phoned her twice this evening.

It's the third time he has phoned her this evening.

- 1 You're late again. You've already been late once this week.  
It's the second ..... this week.
- 2 The car has broken down. It has already broken down twice this month.  
It's the .....
- 3 Ann has just finished drinking a cup of tea. She has already had four cups this morning.  
It's the fifth .....