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Present Perfect and Present Perfect Continuous Verb Tenses

One of the ways we use present perfect tense is in questions. Discuss these questions in your group. Write the names of the people in your group who answer "yes" to each item.

- Have you ever flown in a helicopter?
Have you ever taught school?
- Have you ever won a contest?
Have you ever built a house?
- Have you ever eaten eel?
Have you seen the inside of the capitol building?
- Have you ever fallen asleep in class?
Have you served on a jury?
- Have you performed in public?
Have you painted a picture?
- Have you waterskied in Lake Austin?
Have you painted a picture?

When we use present perfect tense with subject pronouns, they are usually in contraction form.

She's visited there many times. (She has visited there many times.)

I've eaten all the cookies. (I have eaten all the cookies.)

Convert these sentences from past tense to past perfect tense. Then convert them to past perfect continuous.

1. I showed my house to my friends.
2. He did his exercises.
3. We visited Moscow.
4. Terri lived in Canada.
5. I thought about going home.
6. We studied together.

VOCABULARY

Most English words have many forms and uses. You can easily extend your vocabulary by learning suffixes. Suffixes or groups of letters added to the end of words.

Suffixes change the meaning and type of word. For example, pollute is a verb that means to foul the air, water or ground with trash or poisonous chemicals. If we add a suffix (TION) pollute becomes pollution (noun). Teach (verb) adds ER to become teacher (noun). Supervise (verb) adds OR to become supervisor (noun). Donate (verb) adds TION to become donation (noun). Science (noun) adds IST to make scientist (also a noun). Wash adds ABLE to make washable (adjective). Modern (adjective) adds IZE to form modernize (verb). Excite (verb) adds MENT to form excitement (noun). Beauty (noun) adds FUL to form beautiful (adjective) or IFY to form beautify (verb).

Fill out this chart. You can put more than word under the first column.

Noun, Adjective or Adverb	Verb
admission	

Noun, Adjective or Adverb	Verb
	drink
	enjoy
	sail
production	
	use
	compute
enjoyment	
	harm
promotion	
refusal	
medication	

Add a suffix to change the underlined word to fit the new sentence.

He refused to take the test.

His _____ to take the test meant that he would fail the course.

He admitted he lied.

He should have made an _____ of guilt before now.

Would you like a drink?

Is the water from this tank _____?

The company has produced many good toys.

The company's _____ has fallen because of the bad economy.

I wish she wasn't so lazy.

_____ is her biggest fault.

You should apologize for your error.

He would not accept her _____.

He expects to graduate in May.

Our _____ rates are down.

Our infant is very active.

His _____ is keeping us very busy.

She arranges flowers for a living.

She made an _____ for our new house.

Those glasses are clear.

I can see _____ through my new glasses.

She wiped the countertops clean.

The _____ on my car need replacing.