PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

FORM Subject+have/has+Past Participle(+ed for regular, 3rd column for irregular verbs)

USE A) with “just” to express recently completed action.

She’s just gone out. I’ve just finished my book.

B) Past actions whose time is not given/definite.

I have read his poetry but I don’t get it.

We’ve been to Africa once.

C) Actions further back in the past, likely to be repeated.

Jane has written a number of short stories.

Messi has scored two goals so far.

D) with: -lately, recently, never, ever

-This morning/evening/month/week/year…, today

-yet, for, since

- How long…..?

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

FORM Subject+have/has+been+ verb+ing

USE A) to express action that began in the past that is still continuing ̌ or has just finished.

I’ve been waiting for over an hour for you!

I am exhausted! I’ve been cleaning my wardrobe.

Where have you been? Mum has been looking for you all day!

̌This can be expressed by either the Present perfect Simple or continuous with some verbs: expect, hope, learn, lie, live, look, rain, sleep, sit, snow, stand, stay, study, study, teach, wait, want, work.

Remember: this use is expressed by the Simple form of the tense of the stative verbs