

Quand utiliser le Present Perfect?

Pour une chose qui vient de se produire .	<i>Laurent has just slammed the door.</i>
Quelque chose qu'on n'a jamais fait.	<i>I have never been to London.</i>
Pour dire: c'est la première ... seconde ... fois	<i>It's the third time I have told him.</i>
Pour quelque chose qui est fait ou vécu depuis un certain temps.	<i>I have known Lucile for 3 years.</i>
Avec les superlatifs.	<i>Laurent is the best teacher I have ever known.</i>
Pour relier le passé et le présent.	<i>Brianna's crying. She has read Lucile's message.</i>

Les marqueurs de temps utilisés avec le Present Perfect sont:

Just	(<i>juste</i>)	<i>Why are you so sad? Marc has only just left.</i>
Already	(<i>déjà</i>)	<i>Come in and eat with us. No, I have already had lunch.</i>
Ever / Never	(<i>déjà / jamais</i>)	<i>Have you ever met him?</i>
Yet	(<i>pas encore</i>)	<i>Could you show me your exercise? No I haven't done it yet.</i>
For	(<i>depuis + durée</i>)	<i>I haven't seen him for two months.</i>
Since	(<i>depuis + date</i>)	<i>I have known this website since 2003.</i>
So far	(<i>jusqu'alors</i>)	<i>It hasn't rained much so far.</i>

Exercice:

Simple Past or Present Perfect? Make the right choice!

1. My uncle _____ (go) on a trip to Egypt three years ago.
2. Roy _____ (finish-just) repairing the washing machine. You can use it now.
3. His worst memory: when he _____ (have) to swim in the North Seas.
4. When I was a child I _____ (believe) in ghosts.
5. Last year, we _____ (visit) the British Museum.
6. What is the most frightening experience _____ (you-have-ever)?
7. Many students in my class _____ (travel-already) abroad.
8. I _____ (steal-never) anything in my life.