

Present Perfect and changes

Market Leader Intermediate Unit 4

Take turns asking and answering questions from this list, putting them into the right tense as you ask them (orally, not writing anything yet).

- Why _____ (you choose) this job?
- How long _____ (you be) in this town?
- Is this town the only place _____ (you live in)?
- What _____ (you do) last weekend?
- _____ (you visit) many foreign countries?
- _____ (you travel) much? (What _____ (be) your favourite place?)
- _____ (you ever have) any problems while you were travelling?
- What _____ (happen)?
- _____ (you go) to any English-speaking countries?

Write the correct tenses in the gaps above, then check your answers as a class.

What are the two tenses above called? Why do they have those names?

What are the differences between them?

Which of those two tenses are these things true for?

- Used with “since” and “for”
- Also possible with “for”, but “ago” is much more common. Cannot be used with “since”.
- Used to ask questions about experience (or lack of experience), so often a first question
- Used to ask for details about an experience, so often a follow up question.
- Used with unfinished periods of time, e.g. this week/ month/ year and in the last week/ month/ year
- Used with finished periods of time, e.g. last week/ month/ year
- Used when there is some connection to the present
- Used when there is no connection to the present
- The most common tense with “yet”, “already” and “just” in British English
- The most common tense with “yet”, “already” and “just” in American English.

Take turns asking each other similar questions about these topics:

- This week
- Last week
- Today
- Yesterday
- Using English at work
- Business trips

Present Perfect and changes mini-presentations

Choose one of the topics below and talk about it for as long as you can. Your partner won't interrupt you, but they will ask you one or two questions about what you said when you finish speaking. Talk about the past and/ or present, but not the future.

Useful phrases for giving mini-presentations

- I'm going to/ I'd like to talk about/ speak about...
- That's all I can think of to say/ I think that covers everything

- My first job
- My previous job
- A famous entrepreneur
- This week/ month/ year at work
- Last week/ month/ year at work
- My first day in this job
- My to-do list
- My email inbox
- Connections (or lack of connections) between my studies and work
- History of this company
- This company this year and last year
- My job this year and last year
- Changes in prices
- Changes in the economy
- Changes in my finances
- Changes in management
- Changes in my job
- Changes in this company

When your teacher stops the presentations, do the tasks below.

Brainstorm changes that companies of go through.

Brainstorm vocabulary about changes starting with these prefixes:

down-

de-

up-

re-

Has your company gone through any of those changes? What was the experience like for everyone involved? Do you think those changes were a good idea?

What about these changes?

- Hot-desking
- Teleconferences replacing business trips
- Flexitime
- Telecommuting
- Changing to an open-plan office