

## Verb Tense Review: The PRESENT PERFECT

- We use this verb tense in a variety of circumstances.

### REMEMBER

**has** or **have** + the **past participle** of the main verb

- We use it to describe an action or emotion that started in the past and has continued into the present. FOR and SINCE are often used in these kinds of sentences.

*Examples: Catherine has lived in Seattle since 1987.  
She has worked at GRCC for many years.*

- We use it to describe an action that happened at an indefinite time in the past. Words like EVER, NEVER, ALREADY, YET, STILL, ONCE, TWICE are often used in these kinds of sentences. **Note: If the time is specified, use the simple past!**

### Examples:

*They have already finished the book. / They finished the book last night.*

*I have seen that movie. / I saw that movie yesterday.*

*Have you ever been to Canada? / Did you go to Canada over your vacation?*

*We have eaten at that restaurant twice. / We ate at that restaurant twice last month.*

- We use it to describe an action that happened in the recent past. RECENTLY and JUST are often used in these kinds of sentences.

*Examples: The guests have just arrived.*

*The number you have dialed is no longer in service.*

### ***Making Questions with the Present Perfect***

- To form a yes/no question with the present perfect, use this order.

Has + subject + past participle of main verb + rest of sentence  
Have

Examples: Has she lived here long?

Have you seen this movie?

- To form a WH question with the present perfect, just add the WH word to the beginning of the question.

Where have I seen you before?

What has she done?