

Practice for the Perfect Tenses in Spanish

The Present Perfect Tense

How do I form it?

1. Conjugated form of the verb haber:

Yo **he**

Tú **has**

Él, Ella, Ud **ha**

Nosotros **hemos**

Ellos, Ellas, Uds **han**

2. The past participle of the verb

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3. Irregular Past Participles

Abrir Abierto

Cubrir Cubierto

Decir Dicho

Escribir Escrito

Hacer Hecho

Morir Muerto

Poner Puesto

Romper Roto

Ver Visto

Volver Vuelto

Ser Sido

Ir Ido

What does it look like?

I have already read the book.

Yo ya **he leído** el libro.

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**See notes from present perfect tense about irregular past participles.*

When do I use it?

This tense is used when you want to say that an event happened before another event in the past.

What does it look like?

I had already awakened when the alarm clock sounded.

Ya **me había despertado cuando sonó el despertador.**

Both events (waking up and the alarm clock going off) happened in the past. I woke up before my alarm clock sounded, so the verb to express this needs to be in the past perfect form.