



# Present Perfect Tense

The form is : **S + Have.Has + V<sub>p</sub><sup>4</sup>**

This tense is used to express an action that has taken place and that:

- i) Has just finished
- ii) Has finished now
- iii) Has finished a period and could continue into the future

The tense is used when we, in this second, are still "present" in the time period cited (see Time Periods, Past Tense). This tense is compared to the Past Tense. If the time period is omitted it is understood that the action has taken place from when it was possible up to that moment.

Examples:

- i) I have worked today (we do not know the duration, when the action began and when it finished, we only know that it has taken place within the period of today)
- ii) Man has just begun to explore space (Just means "very near to" and this is determined by our idea on the action and the length of time passed and to pass with relationship to it, in this case, even if Man began to explore space in the 1960s, with respect to the period to come and what has been done, explored, discovered, we are still very near the beginning)

We cannot specify the exact moment of the action, neither that one action followed another.

***Today I have worked, had breakfast and taken a shower, and read the newspaper.***