

# Quick Fix 221

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Grammar Focus: present perfect used for past actions; present perfect versus past simple



## I have seen elks in this forest.

**We use the present perfect for past actions when:**

- the time of the action is not mentioned
- the action has a result in the present: there are still elks in this forest
- the action could be repeated in the present: one can still see elks in this forest

**Activity. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense: present perfect or past simple.**

1. I ..... some interesting news about Sharon. (hear)
2. My late husband ..... many short novels. (write)
3. I ..... the kitchen, but now it's in a mess. (clean)
4. I've finished my homework. I ..... it two hours ago. (do)
5. Jack ..... his pencil. He needs to buy a new one. (break)
6. I'm afraid the last train ..... 10 minutes ago. (leave)
7. Don't forget to take an umbrella with you. It ..... raining. (start)
8. I feel really bad. We ..... to a party last night. (go)
9. John ..... an accident, and he is in hospital now. (have)
10. I ..... my phone in the car. I'm going back to get it. (leave)
11. Michael Jackson ..... with the best musicians. (work)
12. I'm limping because I ..... my ankle. (twist)