

Formation of the Present Perfect

The present perfect is used to describe things that someone has done in the past, with relevance to the present.

It is formed starting with the auxiliary verb to have. Here are the conjugations:

	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
<u>First Person</u>	I have	We have
<u>Second Person</u>	You have	You all have
<u>Third Person</u>	He/She/It has	They have

The second part of the present perfect formation is called the past participle. Here are some example past participles that are relevant to work experience:

<u>Verb</u>	<u>Past Participle</u>
construct	constructed
work	worked
use	used
employ	employed
practice	practiced

Notice that the above verbs are “regular” verbs, meaning that they are formed just like the past tense (with -ed on the end). Here are some examples of “irregular” past participles:

<u>Verb</u>	<u>Past Participle</u>
buy	bought
sell	sold
begin	begun
see	seen
write	written

