

## Present Perfect or Past Tense

### I. Mum is in hospital

Kevin's mother is in hospital, but she gave him a list of things to do. Every day she phones him and asks him what he has done. Here is the list:

1. *feed the cat*
2. *pay the milk*
3. *eat the old soup*
4. *write a letter to Aunt Mary*
5. *throw the old newspapers away*
6. *read the English lesson*
7. *catch the mice in the garden*

Write the questions and answers in the following text:

1) Mother: " **Have you fed** the cat, Kevin?"

Kevin: "Yes, **I have**. **I fed** it last night"

2) Mother: " **Have you paid the milk?** "

Kevin: "Yes, **I have**. **I paid it** yesterday "

3) Mother: " **Have you eaten the old soup** ?"

Kevin: "Yes, **I have**. **I ate it** last night "

4) Mother: " **Have you written a letter to Aunt Mary** ?"

Kevin: "Yes, **I have**. **I wrote** it two days ago "

5) Mother: " **Have you thrown the old newspapers away** ?"

Kevin: "Yes, **I have**. **I threw them away** on Monday .

6) Mother: " **Have you read** your English lesson ?"

Kevin: "Yes, " **I have**. **I read it** an hour ago "

7) Mother: " **Have you caught the mice in the garden** ?"

Kevin: "Yes, " **I have**. **I caught them** yesterday afternoon "

## II. Present Perfect or Past Tense? Which is correct?

Jamie's father: "Jamie, what about your homework?"

Jamie: " I **have already** (to finish; already) .....**finished** it. Here it is.  
I **did** it yesterday."

Jamie's father: " **Have you already** (to find; already) **found** a football club?"

Jamie: "No, I **haven't** (to find; not yet) **found** one yet . But I **saw** (to see) a notice  
in the newspaper yesterday.

Jamie's father: " **Did you** (to learn) **learn** any new pieces at the piano lesson yesterday?"

Jamie: " I **didn't go** (not to go) to the piano lesson yesterday." .

Jamie's father: " **Have you had** (to have lunch; yet) **lunch yet?** " .

Jamie: "Yes, I **have**. I **am not hungry** (not hungry any longer) **any longer** .

Jamie's father: " **Have you already written** (to write; letter; grandmother, already) **a letter to  
your grandmother?**

Jamie: "Yes, I have . I **wrote** (to write) ..... her a long letter yesterday

Jamie's father: "OK. Then you can help me in the garden."