

Spanish

Talking about what is trending [1/3]

The perfect tense vs the preterite tense

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Ante-penultimate Syllable Stress

If the stress is on the ante-penultimate syllable (the third-to-last syllable) there will ALWAYS be an accent.

Practise pronouncing the words below:

1

rápido

4

sabado

2

pajaro

5

America

3

pagina

6

telefono



Ante-penultimate Syllable Stress

Practise pronouncing these words and write down where you think the accent would go.

1

clasico

4

miercoles

2

la gramatica

5

las matematicas

3

la maquina



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las noticias	news
acabar	to finish
comprar	to buy
la canción	song
el concurso	competition
la telenovela	soap opera



The perfect tense

In Spanish, like in English, there are multiple past tenses. In this lesson our main focus is the formation and use of the 'perfect tense'.



The perfect tense

This week I have read the news every day.

This week I have taken lots of photos.

The week is *ongoing*



Forming the perfect tense in Spanish

haber + the past participle

(ending in ado OR ido)

to have + (done something)

to have + downloadeded

shareded

listeneded



Using the perfect tense to refer to 'I'

I have	done something (the past participle)	
<u>He</u>	escuch<u>ado</u>	(from escuchar<u>a</u>)
<u>He</u>	descarg<u>ado</u>	(from descargar<u>a</u>)
<u>He</u>	compart<u>ido</u>	(from compart<u>ir</u>)



Using the perfect tense to refer to 'you (sg)'

You have Have you...?	done something (the past participle)
<u>Has</u>	escuch<u>ado</u>
<u>Has</u>	descarg<u>ado</u>
<u>Has</u>	compart<u>ido</u>



Using the perfect tense to refer to 'he/she'

she/he has	done something (the past participle)
<u>Ha</u>	escuch<u>ado</u>
<u>Ha</u>	descarg<u>ado</u>
<u>Ha</u>	compart<u>ido</u>



The irregulars in the perfect tense

Just like in English, there are irregular past participles in Spanish.

The general rule in English is for past participles to end in 'ed':

listened, downloaded, shared

However, there are many past participles that do not follow this pattern in English:

seen, done, written



The irregulars in the perfect tense

Similarly, in Spanish there are many irregular forms of the past participle which do not end in '**ado/ido**':

regulars

escuch**ado** (listened) (from escuchar**ar**)

acab**ado** (finished) (from acabar**ar**)

descarg**ado** (downloaded) (from descargar**ar**)

compart**ido** (shared) (from compart**ir**)



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irregulars

visto (seen) (from ver)

hecho (done) (from hacer)



The perfect tense vs the preterite tense

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The preterite tense

**This week I read the
news every day.**

The week has finished

The perfect tense

**This week I have read
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The week is *ongoing*



The preterite tense vs the perfect tense

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3. Esta semana **escuché/he escuchado** la última canción por J Balvin. (The week is ongoing)
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Elena

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read the news		
watched lots of soaps		
finished a book		
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Summary: use of the perfect tense

1. The perfect tense is used to say I have done.
2. The past participle in Spanish ends in 'ado' for AR verbs and 'ido' for ER/IR verbs.
3. To say what 'I have done' using the perfect tense I need 'he' + a past participle.
4. To say what 'he/she has done' using the perfect tense I need 'ha' + a past participle.

