# Talking about pros and cons of where you live [3/3]

- Using the perfect tense ('they')
- Using perfect & imperfect together

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## La fonética







### The perfect tense

We use the perfect tense to say what improvements have been made.

To refer to 'they' in the perfect tense, use 3rd person plural of the present tense of the verb **haber**, \_\_\_\_\_\_, followed by the **past participle.** 

haber	Past participle	
han	mejorado	They have improved.
han	invertido	They have invested.

To form the past participle, -ar verbs add -ado to the stem.

To form the past participle, -er/-ir verbs add -ido to the stem.

# Irregular past participles

escribir → **escrito** poner → **puesto** hacer → **hecho** romper → **roto** 



### Perfect & Imperfect tense together

When talking about events in the past you will often need to use the **imperfect** and **perfect** together.

Use the <u>imperfect</u> tense to describe what a place used to be like.

Antes no **había** transporte público.

Before **there wasn't** public transport.

- Use the <u>perfect</u> tense for
- changes that have been made
- recently.
  - **Han creado** una red de transporte
- más fiable.
  - **They have created** a more reliable transport network.



#### Empareja los números con las letras

- 1. To refer to 'they' in the perfect tense, use 3rd person plural of the present tense of the verb haber, \_\_\_\_\_hallowed by the past participle.
- a) -ido

2. Han <u>mejorado</u> el transporte público.

b) Antes

3. To form the past participle, -er/-ir verbs add \_-ido \_ to the stem.

c) que

4. Use the <u>perfect</u> tense for changes that have been made recently.

d) mejorado

5. Antes mi ciudad era antigua pero ahora han construido muchos edificios.

e) perfect

