7th lecture grammar 1st Stage Unit 7

Present perfect 1 (I have done)

a) The form of the Tense:-

I/we/they/you + have (= I've) + verb in past participle + complement.

- I have cut my finger.

he/she/it has ++ verb in past participle + complement.

he has lost his key

The present perfect simple is have/has + past participle. The past participle oft en ends in -ed (finished/decided etc.), but many verbs are irregular (lost/done/written etc.).

b) Uses of the Present Perfect:

- 1- We use present perfect When we say 'something has happened', this is usually new information:
- Ow! I have cut my finger.
- The road is closed. There's been an accident. (= There has been ...)
- Police have arrested two men in connection with the robbery.
 - 2- We use present perfect When we use the present perfect, there is a connection with now. The action in the past has a result now:
- Tom has lost his key. (= he doesn't have it now)
- He told me his name, but I've forgotten it. (= I can't remember it now)
- Sally is still here. She hasn't gone out. (= she is here now).
- I can't find my bag. Have you seen it? (= do you know where it is now?

c) Adverbs used with Present Perfect:

We can use the present perfect with just, already and yet.

just = a short time ago:

- 'Are you hungry?' 'No, I've just had lunch
- Hello. Have you just arrived?

Already = sooner than expected:

- Don't forget to pay the bill.' 'I've already paid it.
- What time is Mark leaving? He's already left .
- Yet = until now. We use yet to show that we are expecting something to happen.

We use yet in questions and negative sentences:

Has it stopped raining yet? I've written the email, but I haven't sent it yet