

English Course- Advanced Level

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Lecture 3

Lecture Outline:

Warm-up: Tell about a place you have visited

Listening: Airport Announcement

Pronunciation: linking vowel to vowel

Grammar: Present Perfect Tense

Reading: The Bermuda Triangle

Speaking: Describe something important that you lost in the past.

Warm-up
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Listening (Airport Announcement)

Vocabulary and Sample Sentences

- **inclement** (*adjective*): severe
 - The game was canceled due to inclement weather.
- **crew** (*noun*): an organized group of workers

The ship's crew were very helpful during the cruise.
- **deice** (*verb*): make or become free of frost or ice, defrost
 - You need to deice the windshield this morning. It dropped below freezing last night.
- **overbook** (*verb*): too many seats, for example, have been reserved in advance
 - Airlines tend to overbook seats on their flights which can be an inconvenience to some passengers.
- **complimentary** (*adjective*): free, gratuitous

This hotel provides a complimentary breakfast for all its guests.
- **board** (*noun*): to get on an aircraft, ship, train, bus, etc.
 - We should board the train at least ten minutes before departure.

Listen to the recording and answer the questions.

<https://www.esl-lab.com/academic-english/airport-announcement/>

1- A ____ is probably making the announcement.

flight attendant

ticket agent

pilot

2- The ultimate destination of the flight is ____.

Caracas

Atlanta

Miami

3- What change has been announced?

the gate number

the flight number

the arrival time

4- It's currently _____ outside.

raining

windy

snowing

5- The plane will depart at ____.

4:05 p.m.

9:50 p.m.

8:45 p.m.

Listening Script

Hello. Passengers of flight 17 bound for Caracas, with stops in Atlanta and Miami. The departure gate has been changed to 30B. Also, there will be a slight departure delay due to **inclement** weather outside. The ground **crew** is in the process of **deicing** the wings in preparation for departure. It also looks like the flight is slightly **overbooked**, so we are offering **complimentary** round-trip tickets to a few passengers willing to take a later flight. We should be **boarding** about a quarter to the hour. Thank you for your patience.



Pronunciation

(linking vowel to vowel)

**Vowel to Vowel
Linking** in
American English

Linking: Vowels Using /y/ and /w/

To link smoothly from vowel sound to vowel sound, add a **small, quick** /y/ or /w/ between the vowels.

Examples:

very old: /vɛri/ + /oʊld/ → [vɛri~~y~~oʊld]
so old: /soʊ/ + /oʊld/ → [soʊ~~w~~oʊld]

Don't do:

Using the **wrong sound** will sound very awkward!
very old: /vɛri/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[vɛri~~w~~oʊld]~~
so old: /soʊ/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[soʊ~~y~~oʊld]~~

Don't do:

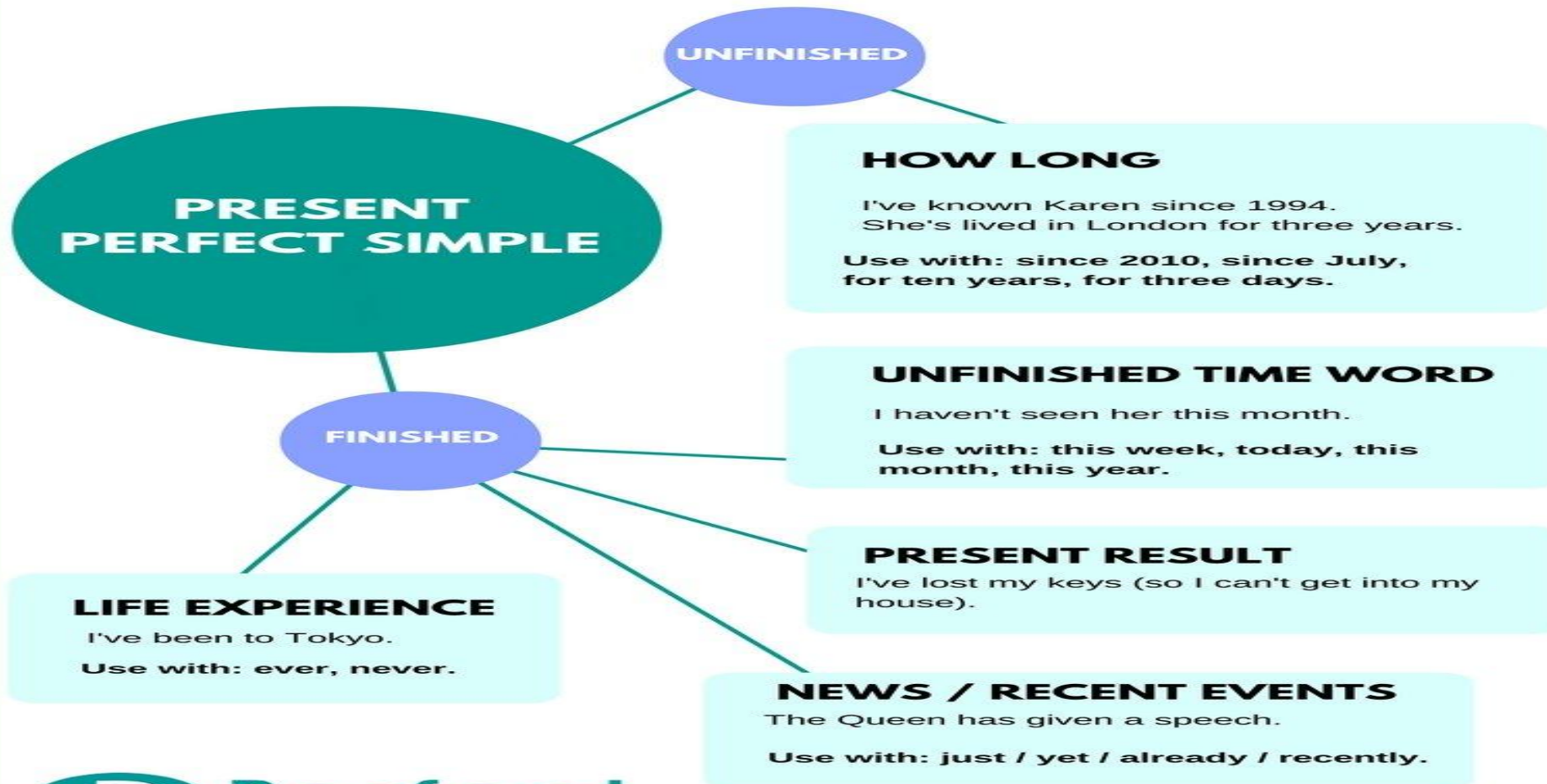
Using **glottal stops** [ʔ] will sound choppy
very old: /vɛri/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[vɛri~~ʔ~~oʊld]~~
so old: /soʊ/ + /oʊld/ → ~~[soʊ~~ʔ~~oʊld]~~

Practice

<https://pronuncian.com/linking-vowels-into-vowels>

Grammar

(Present Perfect Tense)





Actions started in the past and continuing in the present

- They ***haven't lived*** here for years.
- She ***has worked*** in the bank for five years.
- We ***have had*** the same car for ten years.
- ***Have you played*** the piano since you were a child?



When the time period referred to has not finished

- *I have worked* hard *this week*.
- It *has rained* a lot *this year*.
- We *haven't seen* her *today*.



Actions repeated in an unspecified period between the past and now.

- They ***have seen*** that film six times
- It ***has happened*** several times already.
- She ***has visited*** them frequently.
- We ***have eaten*** at that restaurant many times.



Actions completed in the very recent past (+just)

- *Have you just finished* work?
- *I have just eaten.*
- *We have just seen* her.
- *Has he just left?*



When the precise time of the action is not important or not known

- Someone ***has eaten*** my soup!
- ***Have you seen*** 'Gone with the Wind'?
- ***She's studied*** Japanese, Russian, and English.

The Form

Has

Subject + Have + P.P

- They ***have seen*** that film six times
- She ***has visited*** them frequently.

Interrogative

Have / has + Subject + P.P?

Wh question + have / has + Subject + P.P?

- Have you called your mom yet?
- Has Anthony played basketball yet?
- Have you travelled to Aswan?
- Have you ever ridden a camel?

Negative

- **Subject + hasn't / haven't + p.p.**
- They *haven't lived* here for years.
- He **hasn't finished** his homework yet.

Reading **(The Bermuda Triangle)**

Read the following passage, and then choose the best answer

1. The legend of the mysterious Bermuda Triangle is one of the strangest of all sea stories. The Bermuda Triangle is a section of the Atlantic Ocean off the southeastern coast of Florida. A line drawn from Florida to Bermuda, then to Puerto Rico and back to Florida, forms a rough triangle. Within this triangle, or very near it, more than fifty ships and airplanes have vanished or disappeared.
1. The legend began in 1945, when five American Navy bombers vanished while flying over the area. They were flying during the day, under clear weather conditions. The commander of the five planes was talking to his base by radio. He announced that they seemed to be lost. After that, the planes were never

3. In 1948, an airliner flying toward Miami vanished over the Triangle. A few months later, another plane disappeared. In 1950, still another airplane flew into the Triangle, never to be seen again. A ship named The Sandra sailed into the triangle and vanished. In 1953, another ship, sailing north of the Triangle, sent out distress signals that were suddenly cut off. Ships and planes were sent to search for the ship, but they never found it.

4- There have been many explanations for these mysterious happenings. Some people believe that there is a strange force at work in this part of the ocean. Some suggest there may be some kinds of 'hole' in the triangle that ships and planes go through into another world. Others think that UFO's steal the planes, ships, and their crews, and take them away.

5. Some people don't believe that there is anything extraordinary about the Bermuda Triangle. Thousands of ships and airplanes have passed through the Triangle without encountering trouble. The Triangle isn't the only place where ships and planes have vanished. Many ships have vanished all over the world's oceans. Many reasons exist for such things happening, such as sudden storms or seaquakes. These are just some of the dangers of going to sea. The Bermuda Triangle just happens to be a part of the sea where there have been many disasters. Whatever the reasons for these strange happenings, the legend of the Bermuda Triangle remains the strangest of all sea tales.

1. Paragraph 1 is mainly talking

- a. about the location of Bermuda Triangle
- b. why Bermuda Triangle is mysterious
- c. why Bermuda Triangle is a legend
- d. about ships and airplanes

2. The underlined word "bombers" in paragraph 2 probably means.....

- a. ships
- b. airplanes
- c. conditions
- d. stories

3. According to Paragraph 2, the total number of the American airplanes that disappeared in 1945 in Bermuda Triangle was.....

- a. 5
- b. 4
- c. 6
- d. 7

4. The pronoun " it" in paragraph 2 refers to.....

- a. The search plane
- b. 1945
- c. The five bombers
- d. Radio

5. Paragraph 3 is mainly talking about the

- a. why the ships and airplanes disappeared in Bermuda Triangle
- b. the number of the ships and airplanes which disappeared in Bermuda Triangle
- c. how ships and airplanes disappear in Bermuda Triangle
- d. the ships and planes which were sent to search for the lost ones

6. The main idea of Paragraph 4 is.....

- a. giving explanations why ships and airplanes disappear in Bermuda Triangle
- b. there is a strange force at work in this part of the ocean
- c. there may be some kinds of 'hole' in the Triangle
- d. UFO's steal the planes, ships, and their crews, and take them away

Speaking
**(Describe something important that you lost
in the past.)**

- **Describe something important that you lost in the past.**
- What did you lose?
- How did you lose it?
- Where did you lose it?
- When did you lose it?



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