Present perfect simple:

Subject + have + past participle  

- **We use the present perfect simple to talk about actions that happened in the past but no time is mentioned or if we are still inside the time period (today, this week, this month, this year, recently).**
- **We also use the present perfect to talk about experiences when the time is not important (in my life)**

Focus on the word order of the following adverbs:

ALREADY (ya) – I have **already** finished my homework.  

YET (ya) – Have you seen that movie **yet**?  

YET (aún) – I haven’t had breakfast **yet** this morning.  

STILL (aún) – I **still** haven’t set off for work.  

JUST (acabar de) – I have **just** arrived home from work.  

EVER (alguna vez) – Have you **ever** been to Japan?  

FOR (durante) – I have studied English for 4 years.  

SINCE (desde) – I have lived in Spain since 7 years ago/2010.

Present perfect continuous:

- **We use the present perfect continuous to talk about actions that started in the past but continue.**

Subject + have + been + gerund  

- e.g. I have been working in this job

*Be aware that some of the adverbs can be used in other contexts and they are classified as different word types, for example, Just because = porque sí/no and Yet still = aún así
Fill in the gaps with the correct adverb:

1. Have you _____ seen a horror movie that really scared you?
2. I have _____ arrived home and I need to take a shower.
3. How long have you been learning English? Well, I have been studying at a language school _____ I was 8 years old and I love it!
4. I haven’t spoken to my boss _____ about the prospect of a pay rise.
5. I have been learning German _____ about 4 months now.
6. So far, I haven’t taken and exam as I am not prepared _____.
7. My brother has _____ finished building his house and I am really proud of him.
8. The bus _____ hasn’t arrived?
9. I have _____ said the same thing, you almost took the words out of my mouth.
10. _____ when have you been such a good guitarist?
Answers:

1. Have you **ever** seen a horror movie that really scared you?
2. I have **just** arrived home and I need to take a shower.
3. How long have you been learning English? Well, I have been studying at a language school **since** I was 8 years old and I love it!
4. I haven´t spoken to my boss **for** about the prospect of a pay rise.
5. I have been learning German **for** about 4 months now.
6. So far, I haven´t taken and exam as I am not prepared **yet**.
7. My brother has **already** finished building his house and I am really proud of him.
8. The bus **still** hasn´t arrived.
9. I have **just** said the same thing; you almost took the words out of my mouth.
10. **Since** when have you been such a good guitarist?