**Present Perfect / El Pretérito Perfecto Compuesto**

**What is it? When is it used?**

It is used to talk about actions that started in the past and may still have continuity in the present, for example, life experiences or specific actions that we have carried out in a given period of time. It is a tense that places the action, process or state expressed by the verb at a time before the present in an unfinished time. For example, “He cantado” I have sung is an example of the present perfect in Spanish.

**Examples:**

Yo he viajado a varios países. – I have traveled to various countries.

¿Tú has navegado? – Have you sailed?

Ellos han participado en competencias de ciclismo – They have participated in cycling competitions.

**The structure: How is it formed?**

It is necessary to use the verb “to have (auxiliary) + the past participle, for example, “I have eaten” or “She has traveled.” The verb “to have (auxiliary) is “HABER” **not** “TENER.” The SEIS PERSONA format of HABER are as follows:

1. He 4. Hemos
2. Has 5. Han
3. Ha 6. Han

To make the past participle in Spanish, you need to take off the AR, ER, or IR verb ending and add the corresponding verb ending of “ADO or IDO,” for example, “escuchar = escuchado, comer = comido, and/or vivir = vivido”.

**Examples:**

1. Yo he mirado las noticias. I have watched the news.
2. He vivido en California por 10 años. I have lived in California for 10 years.
3. ¿Tú has visitado Puerto Rico alguna vez? Have you ever visited Puerto Rico?
4. ¿Usted ha visto a mi perrito? Have you seen my puppy?
5. Nosotros hemos olvidado lo que el maestro dijo. We have forgotten what the teacher said.