The **present perfect simple** always expresses a **link** between the **past** and the **present**. We use the **present perfect simple** to express:

an impact on the present of an action or a state

<u>Example</u>: I've forgotten to post this letter. Could you remind me to do it?
The shop has been closed for weeks. I have to go shopping elsewhere.

a state or an action that has begun in the past and

continues until the present.

Example: He's been very helpful recently.

I've never smoked.