

Language function:  
Grammar Focus:  
Lesson based on:

talking about one's experience  
present perfect tense  
song by Madonna – 'Sorry'

# SORRY

## STUDENT WORKSHEET

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## PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

When we talk about our experience in a period of time that continues from the past until now, we use **the present perfect tense.**

### ACTIVITY 1

In pairs, ask if your partner has done the things listed below.

example: A: *Have you ever lived abroad?* A: *Have you ever lived abroad?*  
B: *No, I haven't.* B: *Yes, I have.*

- attend at least one major sporting event: e.g. the Olympics
- throw a huge party for your friends
- spend a whole day eating junk food
- be an extra in a film
- ride a camel into the desert
- plant a tree
- write a fan letter to your favourite star
- stay out all night dancing and go to work the next day
- drink beer at Oktoberfest in Munich
- ask for a pay rise
- make a speech in public
- spend New Year's in an exotic location
- ask someone you've only just met to go on a date
- make a complete fool of yourself
- sleep under the stars
- overcome a phobia
- donate money to a charity
- go up in a hot-air balloon
- attend a really huge rock concert
- create your own website
- write a poem
- sing a song in front of an audience



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### ACTIVITY 3

Put the words in brackets in appropriate order to complete the lyrics of the song. Listen and check your answers.

## SORRY Madonna

Je suis désolé  
Lo siento  
Ik ben droevig  
Sono spiacente  
Perdóname



I've heard it all before  
I've heard it all before  
I've heard it all before  
I've heard it all before  
*[repeat]*

Chorus:  
I don't wanna\* hear, I don't wanna know

.....  
(say please sorry don't you're)

I've heard it all before

.....  
(care of and can take I myself)

I don't wanna hear, I don't wanna know  
Please don't say 'forgive me'  
I've seen it all before  
And I can't take it anymore

You're not half the man you think you are  
Save your words because you've gone too far

.....  
(stories listened your I've and your to lies all)

You're not half the man you'd like to be

Chorus:  
I don't wanna hear ....

.....  
(talk is don't yourself cheap explain cause)

There's more important things than hearing  
you speak

You stayed because I made it so convenient  
Don't explain yourself, you'll never see

Gomen nasai  
Mujhe maaf kardo [*Hindi: "Please forgive me"*]  
Przepraszam [*Polish: "Sorry"*]  
Slihah  
Forgive me...

(Sorry, sorry, sorry)  
I've heard it all before  
I've heard it all before  
I've heard it all before  
*[repeat]*

Chorus:  
I don't wanna hear ....

I've heard it all before  
I've heard it all before  
I've heard it all before  
I've heard it all before

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\*wanna = 'want to' or 'want a' (it is not considered to be correct):  
I *wanna* stay. \* *Wanna* drink? (= Do you want a drink?)

ACTIVITY 4

How do you understand the following sentences?

**I can't take it anymore.**

**You're not half the man you think you are.**

**You stayed because I made it so convenient.**

ACTIVITY 5

Lyrics of songs sometimes contain grammatical mistakes. Can you find such a mistake in Madonna's song?

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**PRESENT PERFECT TENSE**

When we use the present perfect tense we want to say something about the situation now, e.g. :

*'The lift has broken down.'* - means that we can't use the lift now.

*'It has stopped raining.'* – means it isn't raining now.

*'I have forgotten your name.'* – means I don't remember your name now.

ACTIVITY 6

What do the following sentences say about the situation now?

1. I've heard it all before. ....
2. I've seen it all before. ....
3. I've already eaten. ....
4. I've opened the window. ....
5. I've spent all my money. ....
6. I've bought a new car. ....
7. I've written the report. ....