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| PRESENT PERFECT | SIMPLE PAST |
| Actions that happened in the past and continue in the present  E.g., I have lived in Cagliari since 1991 | Actions that started and ended in the past  E.g., I lived in Oristano before moving to Cagliari |
| No time reference  E.g., I have bought a new car | Always time reference + wh- questions  E.g., I bought a new car yesterday,  What car did you buy? |
| Today, this week/month/year, since/for, yet, ever/never, just, already, so far, recently, in the last … days/months/years | Yesterday, last week/month/year, ago, in + year, on + date, until |