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# The present perfect subjunctive



**ANTE TODO**

The present perfect subjunctive (**el pretérito perfecto de subjuntivo**), like the present perfect indicative, is used to talk about what *has happened*. The present perfect subjunctive is formed using the present subjunctive of the auxiliary verb **haber** and a past participle.

**Present perfect indicative**

<b>PRESENT INDICATIVE OF HABER</b>	<b>PAST PARTICIPLE</b>
yo <b>he</b>	<b>hablado</b>

**Present perfect subjunctive**

<b>PRESENT SUBJUNCTIVE OF HABER</b>	<b>PAST PARTICIPLE</b>
yo <b>haya</b>	<b>hablado</b>

**Present perfect subjunctive**

	<b>cerrar</b>	<b>perder</b>	<b>asistir</b>
<b>SINGULAR FORMS</b>	yo <b>haya</b> cerrado	<b>haya</b> perdido	<b>haya</b> asistido
	tú <b>hayas</b> cerrado	<b>hayas</b> perdido	<b>hayas</b> asistido
	Ud./él/ella <b>haya</b> cerrado	<b>haya</b> perdido	<b>haya</b> asistido
<b>PLURAL FORMS</b>	nosotros/as <b>hayamos</b> cerrado	<b>hayamos</b> perdido	<b>hayamos</b> asistido
	vosotros/as <b>hayáis</b> cerrado	<b>hayáis</b> perdido	<b>hayáis</b> asistido
	Uds./ellos/ellas <b>hayan</b> cerrado	<b>hayan</b> perdido	<b>hayan</b> asistido

**¡ATENCIÓN!**

In Spanish the present perfect subjunctive is used to express a recent action.  
 No creo que lo **hayas dicho** bien.  
*I don't think that you have said it right.*  
 Espero que él **haya llegado**.  
*I hope that he has arrived.*

▶ The same conditions that trigger the use of the present subjunctive apply to the present perfect subjunctive.

**Present subjunctive**

Espero que **duermas** bien.  
*I hope that you sleep well.*

No creo que **amente** de peso.  
*I don't think he will gain weight.*

**Present perfect subjunctive**

Espero que **hayas dormido** bien.  
*I hope that you have slept well.*

No creo que **haya aumentado** de peso.  
*I don't think he has gained weight.*

▶ The action expressed by the present perfect subjunctive is seen as occurring before the action expressed in the main clause.

Me alegro de que ustedes **se hayan reído** tanto esta tarde.  
*I'm glad that you have laughed so much this afternoon.*

Dudo que tú **te hayas divertido** mucho con tu suegra.  
*I doubt that you have enjoyed yourself much with your mother-in-law.*

**recursos**



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**¡INTÉNTALO!**

Indica el pretérito perfecto de subjuntivo de los verbos entre paréntesis.

- Me gusta que ustedes hayan dicho (decir) la verdad.
- No creo que tú \_\_\_\_\_ (comer) tanto.
- Es imposible que usted \_\_\_\_\_ (poder) hacer tal (*such a*) cosa.
- Me alegro de que tú y yo \_\_\_\_\_ (merendar) juntas.
- Es posible que yo \_\_\_\_\_ (adelgazar) un poco esta semana.
- Espero que ellas \_\_\_\_\_ (sentirse) mejor después de la clase.