



BUILDING A HOUSE

Glossary

wondered	to recommend	bought
to build	to draw, drew, drawn	to hire
to analyze	to obtain	to follow
to excavate	to renovate	painting
discussing	to discuss	to introduce
to be organized	to enjoy	an existing building
materials	bricks	breezeblocks
reinforced concrete	the shell	the wood frame
beams	a procedure	tiles
the roof	the finishing touches	plaster
a matter	contractors	complicated
a builder	a piece of land	a house
a bricklayer	an architect	the blueprint
a land surveyor	the building site	the topography
the town planning	a building permit	a building contractor
a team	civil engineer	a site foreman
authorizations	the foundations	a crane
a scaffolding	from scratch	as long as
cheaper	easier	solid

GRAMMAR

Present Perfect And Negative And Interrogative Forms

Negative Form

Construction: Subject + have/has + not + past participle.

Regular verbs

I haven't started.

He hasn't started.

Irregular verbs

I haven't eaten.

He hasn't eaten.

Have + not equals haven't. Has + not equals hasn't.

Examples: I haven't visited India before.

This is the first time I have not found my keys. I'm still looking for them.



Interrogative Form

Construction: Have + subject + past participle.

Regular verbs

Have I started?
Has he started?

Irregular verbs

Have I eaten?
Has he eaten?

Examples: Have you started your homework?
I have finished it.
Have you ever visited London?
Yes, I have been twice.

And now a dialogue between Wentworth and Sarah...

Wentworth: Good morning Sarah. How are you?

Sarah: Good morning Wentworth. I'm fine, thank you. May I help you?

Wentworth: Yes. I actually wondered if you knew a good builder you could recommend, as my wife and I have bought a piece of land and decided to build the house.

Sarah: Well before finding a builder or bricklayer, you need first to contact an architect who will draw the blueprint of the house you wish to build. Then you will probably need to hire a land surveyor to analyze the building site and the topography of your land. And at last, you will need to show all these documents to the Town Planning in order to obtain a building permit. Have you followed such a procedure?

Wentworth: No, I haven't contacted an architect. Things seem more complicated here than in Canada, where you just need to find a building contractor who will come with his team of civil engineers, site foreman and bricklayers, as long as you have a building permit on the land.

Sarah: And don't forget to ask for all the necessary authorizations to excavate for the foundations, install the crane or in scaffolding etc. Are you building from scratch or do you want to renovate an existing building?

Wentworth: From scratch. But it seems a bit complicated, isn't it?

Sarah: Not that much. As long as you're organized and know the good people. What materials do you want to use to build your house? Bricks?



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- Wentworth: No. We'd like to use breezeblocks and reinforced concrete for the show. It seems cheaper, easier and more solid. Then for the wood frame of the roof, we would like to use solid beams and Italian style tiles on the roof.
- Sarah: What about the finishing touches? Will you do it yourself or will you have it done by a professional?
- Wentworth: Well, I'd like to do it myself, as I really enjoy doing plaster and painting. But my wife is afraid it might take too long, so we're still discussing the matter.
- Sarah: Okay. Well, let me know when you guys are ready to take a decision and I will introduce you to my uncle who's an architect, and he knows all the professional contractors you might need.
- Wentworth: Thanks a million Sarah. I will keep in touch.