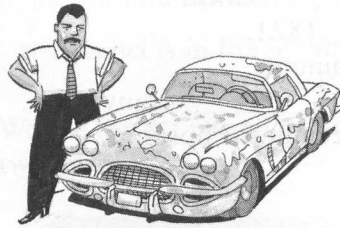
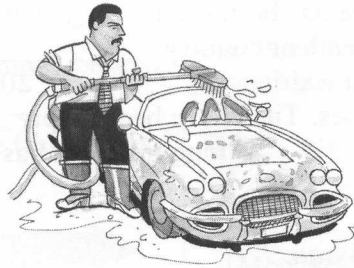


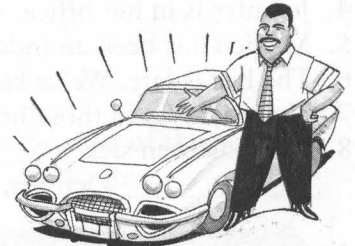
A



His car is dirty.



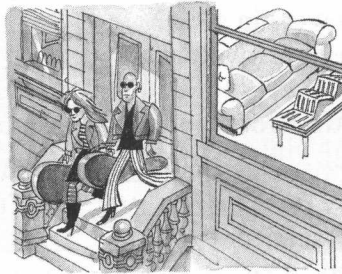
He is washing his car.



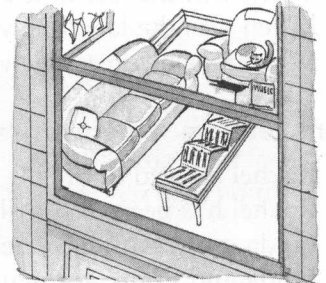
He **has washed** his car.
(= his car is clean *now*)



They are at home.



They are going out.



They **have gone** out.
(= they are not at home *now*)

B

We use the *present perfect* (he **has washed** / they **have gone**, etc.) for an action in the past with a result *now*.

- I've **lost** my passport. (= I can't find my passport *now*)
- "Where's Tiffany?" "She's **gone** to bed." (= she is in bed *now*)
- We've **bought** a new car. (= we have a new car *now*)
- Rachel has a headache because she **hasn't taken** her medicine.
- "Bob is on vacation." "Oh, where **has he gone**?"
- **Have you met** my brother, or should I introduce you?
- I was a very slow typist in college, but I've **gotten** faster.

Usually you can also use the *simple past* (he **washed** / I **lost**, etc.) in these situations. So you can say:

- "Where's your key?" "I've **lost** it." or "I **lost** it."
- "Is Peter here?" "No, he's **gone** home." or "He **went** home."
- We've **bought** a new car. or We **bought** a new car.

C

We use only the *simple past* (not the present perfect) with a *finished* time (yesterday, last week, etc.).

- I **lost** my key yesterday. (*not* I have lost)
- We **bought** a new car last week. (*not* we have bought)