



## Presentation

Use the present perfect to talk about your experiences – the things you've done, and haven't done, in your life.  
Form the present perfect with *have / has + past participle*.

### Past participle

With regular verbs, add *-ed*: *ski* → *skied*

Some verbs are irregular: *see* → *seen*, *fly* → *flown*

### Affirmative and negative

I / You / We / They	've (have) haven't (have not)	visited	Paris.
He / She / It	's (has) hasn't (has not)		

### Questions

How many countries	have	I / you / we / they	visited?	
	has	he / she / it		
	Have	I / you / we / they	visited	Paris?
	Has	he / she / it		

### Short answers

Yes, I / you / we / they	have.	No, I / you / we / they	haven't.
Yes, he / she / it	has.	No, he / she / it	hasn't.

### ever / never

You often use the present perfect with *ever* and *never*:  
*Have you ever driven a jeep?* (ever = in your life)  
*I've never been to India.* (never = not in my whole life)

You also use the present perfect with *not / never ... before*:  
*I haven't been here before. I've never skied before.*

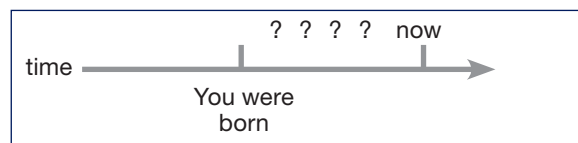
You use the present perfect and not the present simple with *the first / second / third time*.

Say *This is the first time I've ridden a bike.* (don't say *This is the first time I ride a bike.*)

### Present perfect and past simple

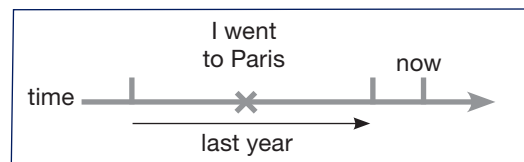
Use the present perfect to talk about experiences in general. You do not say when it happened.

*Have you been to Paris?* (= at any time in your life)



You often use the past simple after present perfect questions to give information about specific events and times in the past.

*Yes, I have. I went last year, with my friend Maddy.*



### been

When you are talking about experiences, you often use *been* as the past participle for *go*.

Say *I've been to Paris three times.* (don't say *I've gone to Paris three times.*)

# Exercises

## 1 Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 This is the first time I ..... (eat) here. The food is really good.
- 2 Dave ..... never ..... (win) a prize before. He's so pleased!
- 3 ..... Jamie ..... (meet) Klara? I think he'd like her.
- 4 I ..... (not do) anything like this before. It's great fun!
- 5 ..... you ever ..... (go) to a football match?
- 6 My parents ..... (not be) here before. It's their first time.
- 7 ..... you ..... (study) this before? You're very good at it.
- 8 ..... Abby ..... (see) the new photo exhibition? She'd love it.

## 2 Write questions using *you* and the present perfect.

- 1 travel / abroad? Have you ever travelled abroad?
- 2 be / a live concert? .....
- 3 take part / sports competition? .....
- 4 be / on TV ? .....

## 3 Answer the questions in Exercise 2. If the answer is yes, give more details. Use the present perfect or simple past as appropriate.

- 1 Yes, I have. I've been to France, Morocco and Thailand. I went to Thailand last year for a month. It was great!

## 4 Choose the correct form of the verb. Then listen and check.

### Conversation 1

- A: <sup>1</sup>Have you tried / Did you try the new Korean restaurant in town?
- B: Yes, I <sup>2</sup>have / did. We <sup>3</sup>'ve been / went there a couple of times. We <sup>4</sup>'ve been / went last weekend.
- A: What <sup>5</sup>have you thought / did you think of it?
- B: It was good, really good.

### Conversation 2

- C: I hate my job!
- D: <sup>6</sup>Have you ever thought / Did you ever think about changing it?
- C: Yes, I <sup>7</sup>have / did, lots of times! In fact I <sup>8</sup>'ve spoken / spoke to my boss about it yesterday.
- D: Really? What <sup>9</sup>has he said / did he say?

## 5 Underline the mistake in each sentence and write the correct version.

- 1 Have you eaten well when you were in London? Did you eat
- 2 This is only the second time I sleep in a tent. ....
- 3 I never went here before. It's really beautiful. ....
- 4 Have you ever gone to Australia? I'd love to go. ....
- 5 He visited so many interesting places in these last three months. ....
- 6 Have you enjoyed the film last night? Yes, we did. It was great. ....
- 7 Is this the first time your kids visited Disneyland? .....
- 8 I've seen Paul at the swimming pool yesterday. ....