Intermediate Unit 5a

Present perfect and past simple 1: *ever, never*



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*

See page 235: irregular verb list

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**.*

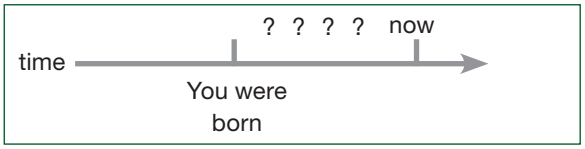
You use the present perfect and not the present simple with *the first / second / third time.*

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

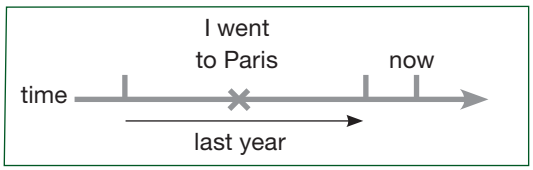
Use the present perfect to talk about experiences in general. You do not say when it happened.

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.*)

See Unit 24 for more information about *been* and *gone.*

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1 Complete the sentences with the present perfect 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: [1] *Have you tried / Did you try* the new Korean restaurant in town?
B: Yes, I [2] *have / did*. We [3] *'ve been / went* there a couple of times. We [4] *'ve been / went* last weekend.
A: What [5] *have you thought / did you think* of it?
B: It was good, really good.

Conversation 2

C: I hate my job!
D: [6] *Have you ever thought / Did you ever think* about changing it?
C: Yes, I [7] *have / did*, lots of times! In fact I [8] *'ve spoken / spoke* to my boss about it yesterday.
D: Really? What [9] *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. .....

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