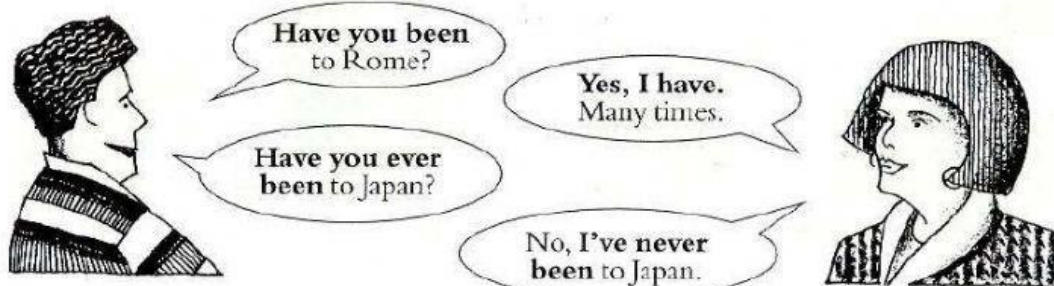
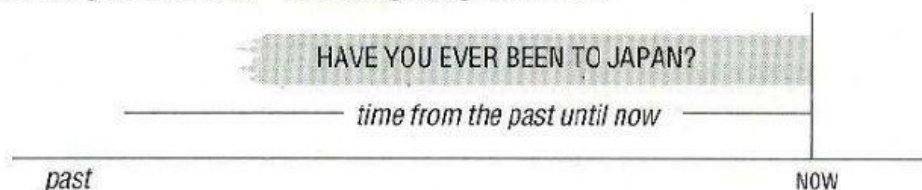


# Have you ever ... ? (present perfect 3)

A



We use the *present perfect* (**have been** / **have had** / **have played** etc.) when we talk about a time from the past until now – for example, a person's life:



- 'Have you **been** to France?' (in your life) 'No, I **haven't**.'
- I've **been** to Canada but I **haven't been** to the United States.
- Mary is an interesting person. She **has had** many different jobs and **has lived** in many places.
- I've **seen** that woman before but I can't remember where.
- How many times **has** Brazil **won** the World Cup?
- 'Have you **read** this book?' 'Yes, I've **read** it twice.' (twice = two times)

B

present perfect + **ever** (in questions) and **never**:

- 'Has Ann **ever been** to Australia?' 'Yes, once.' (once = one time)
- 'Have you **ever played** golf?' 'Yes, I often play golf.'
- My mother **has never travelled** by air.
- I've **never ridden** a horse.
- 'Who is that man?' 'I don't know. I've **never seen** him before.'

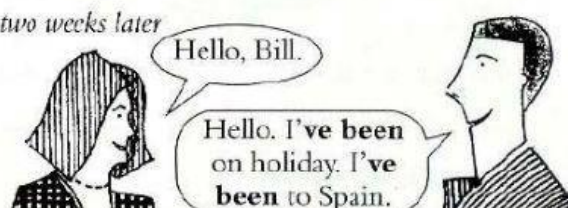
C

gone and been



Bill **has gone** to Spain.  
(= he is in Spain now)

two weeks later



Bill **has been** to Spain.  
(= he went to Spain but now he is back)

Compare:

- I can't find Susan. Where **has** she **gone**? (= Where is she now?)
- Oh, hello Susan! I was looking for you. Where **have** you **been**?

## EXERCISES

**17.1** You are asking Helen questions beginning **Have you ever ... ?** Write the questions.



- 1 (London?) Have you ever been to London?
- 2 (play / golf?) Have you ever played golf?
- 3 (Australia?) Have .....
- 4 (lose / your passport?) .....
- 5 (fly / in a helicopter?) .....
- 6 (eat / Chinese food?) .....
- 7 (New York?) .....
- 8 (drive / a bus?) .....
- 9 (break / your leg?) .....

HELEN



- No, never.  
Yes, many times.  
No, never.  
Yes, once.  
No, never.  
Yes, a few times.  
Yes, twice.  
No, never.  
Yes, once.

**17.2** Write sentences about Helen. (Look at her answers in Exercise 17.1.)

- 1 (New York) Helen has been to New York twice.
- 2 (Australia) Helen .....
- 3 (Chinese food) .....
- 4 (drive / a bus) .....

Now write about yourself. How often have you done these things?

- 5 (New York) I .....
- 6 (play / tennis) .....
- 7 (fly / in a helicopter) .....
- 8 (be / late for work or school) .....

**17.3** Mary is 65 years old. She has had an interesting life. What has she done?



|        |       |
|--------|-------|
| have   | be    |
| do     | write |
| travel | meet  |

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| all over the world             | a lot of interesting things |
| <del>many different jobs</del> | a lot of interesting people |
| ten books                      | married three times         |

- 1 She has had many different jobs.
- 2 She .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

**17.4** Put in **gone** or **been**.

- 1 Bill is on holiday at the moment. He's gone to Spain.
- 2 'Where's Jill?' 'She's not here. I think she's ..... to the bank.'
- 3 Hello, Sue. Where have you ..... ? Have you ..... to the bank?
- 4 'Have you ever ..... to Mexico?' 'No, never.'
- 5 My parents aren't at home this evening. They've ..... out.
- 6 There's a new restaurant in town. Have you ..... to it?
- 7 Ann knows Paris well. She's ..... there many times.
- 8 Helen was here earlier but I think she's ..... now.