4A present perfect (experience) + *ever, never*

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I've (I have) You've (You have) He's (He has) She's (She has) It's (It has) We've (We have) They've (They have)	been to London.	I haven't You haven't He hasn't She hasn't It hasn't We haven't They haven't	worked in a bank.

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Have you worked in a bank? Has he been to London?	Yes, I have. Yes, he has.	No, I haven't. No, he hasn't.

- Use the present perfect to talk about past experiences when you don't say exactly when they happened.
  I've been to London. NOT ~~*I've been to London last year.*~~
  My brother has worked abroad.
- For regular verbs the past participle is the same as the past simple (+ *ed*). For **Irregular verbs** see p.155.
- We often use the present perfect with *ever* (= in your life until now) and *never.*
  Have you ever been to London? No, I've never been there.

⚠ Compare the present perfect of *go* and *be.*
He's gone to Paris. = He's in Paris now.
He's been to Paris. = He went to Paris and came back.

present perfect or past simple?

A Have you ever been to Mexico? B Yes, I have.

A When did you go there? B I went last year.

- Conversations often begin in the present perfect (with a general question) and then change to the past simple (with questions asking for specific details, *when, where, who with*, etc.)
- Use the past simple to ask / say exactly when something happened.

a Write sentences or questions with the present perfect.

he / ever / be there ? *Has he ever been there?*

1 you / ever buy / clothes from that shop?
2 I / not read / the newspaper today.
3 We / never be / to the new shopping centre.
4 your brother / live abroad / all his life?
5 They / go / to live in South America.
6 She / never fly / before.
7 He / not meet / his wife's family.
8 you / eat / in this restaurant before?

b Right (✔) or wrong (✘)? Correct the wrong sentences.

He's got up late this morning. ✘ *He got up late this morning.*

1 We've been to Ireland last year. _____
2 Have you ever gone to Paris? _____
3 Jane's gone to the bank. She'll be back soon. _____
4 I like your shoes. Where did you buy them? _____
5 I've seen that film last week. _____
6 I spoke to him a minute ago. _____
7 My sister's a writer. She's written five novels. _____
8 World War II has ended in 1945. _____

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