

4B present perfect or past simple? (1)

present perfect: experiences and unfinished time

She's **been** to New York three times.

Have you **ever been** to Ikea?

I've **never** met Nina's husband.

He's **seen** that film twice.

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- We often use the present perfect to talk about past experiences or to talk about the recent past when we don't specify a time. In questions and negatives we often use **ever** (= at any time in your life) and **never**.

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

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

A Jack's **broken** his leg. B Oh no! When **did** that **happen**?

A Yesterday. He **broke** it playing football.

- Conversations about experiences or the recent past often begin in the present perfect (with a general question or some news) and then change to the past simple to ask for or give specific details, e.g. *when, what, where, who with, etc.*

been and gone

Compare the present perfect of **be** and **go**.

Mike **has been** to Paris. = He went to Paris and came back.

Mike **has gone** to Paris. = He's in Paris now.

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a Complete with the verb in the present perfect.

Have you ever broken your leg? (break)

- _____ you ever _____ clothes from that shop? (buy)
- I _____ always _____ a pair of designer sunglasses. (want)
- I _____ this book. Is it good? (not read)
- We _____ to the new shopping centre. (not be)
- _____ your brother ever _____ abroad? (live)
- They _____ to South America twice. (be)
- She _____ before. (not fly)
- James _____ his girlfriend's family. (not meet)
- _____ you _____ in this restaurant before? (eat)
- Jenny _____ never _____ me about her family. (tell)

b Complete the conversation with the present perfect or past simple.

A Have you been to the new shopping centre? (be)

B Yes, I ¹ _____ there last month – it ² _____ great. (go, be)

A ³ _____ you _____ anything? (buy)

B I ⁴ _____ a new pair of shoes. (get)

A ⁵ _____ they expensive? (be)

B Yes, very! ⁶ _____ you _____ any new clothes recently? (buy)

A No, but my boyfriend ⁷ _____ me a jacket for my birthday last week. (give)

c Complete with **been** or **gone**.

A Where's Rob? B He's gone to the football match.

1 The kids aren't here. They've all _____ out.

2 Have you ever _____ to the swimming pool in town?

3 I haven't _____ to Sue's new flat yet.

4 My sister has _____ to live in France and she's really enjoying it.

5 Oh, good. Dad's _____ to the shop – the fridge is full.