

Have you ever been to Paris?



Yes, I have. I went last year, with Maddy.

I've never skied before. This is terrifying!



Wow! I haven't seen that before. It's beautiful. When did you get it?



This is the first time I've flown. It's so exciting!



## 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)<br>haven't (have not) | visited | Paris. |
| He / She / It       | 's (has)<br>hasn't (has not)     |         |        |

### Questions

|                    |             |                                      |                |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| How many countries | have<br>has | I / you / we / they<br>he / she / it | visited?       |
|                    | Have<br>Has | I / you / we / they<br>he / she / it | visited Paris? |

### 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.*

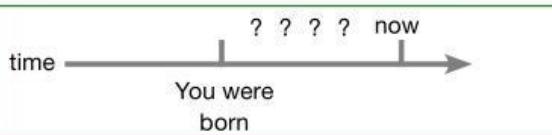
You use the present perfect and not the present simple with *the first / second / third time*.

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*.

**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: <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.