

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) 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.*

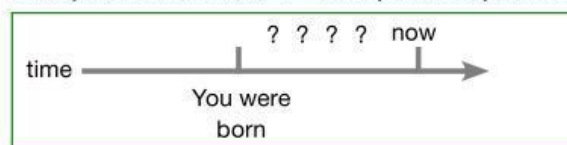
You use the present perfect and not the present simple with *the first / second / third time*.

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*.

**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. \_\_\_\_\_