

Expressing experiences in the past with “过”

Subj. + Verb + 过 + Obj.

过 is used to talk about whether something has *ever* happened - whether it *has been experienced*. The action *has been* done at least once before, without specifying a particular time.

1. I've ever sung Chinese songs
2. I've ever eaten Japanese food before.
3. Have you ever studied German?
4. Have you ever seen this film ?
5. We've been to China before.

Subj. + 没 + Verb + 过 + Obj.

1. 我 没 跳 过 舞。
wǒ méi tiào guò wǔ
2. 我 没 学 过 这 个 汉 字。
wǒ méi xué guò zhè ge hàn zì
3. I've never thought about this question before.
4. Mom has never bought any expensive clothes before.
5. None of us has ever been on an airplane before.