

The **present perfect** can be used to talk about things you have done in your life, without saying *when* you did them. It can be used to talk about experiences you've had, or things you have done or tried in the past. In this lesson, we'll see how the present perfect is used in context, and you will talk about your life experiences by using the phrase have you ever ...?

"Have You Ever Seen The Rain"

Someone told me long ago
 There's a calm before the storm
 I know, it's been coming for some time
 When it's over, so they say
 It'll rain a sunny day
 I know, shining down like water

I wanna know, have you ever seen the rain?
 I wanna know, have you ever seen the rain?
 Coming down on a sunny day

Yesterday, and days before
 Sun is cold and rain is hard
 I know, been that way for all my time
 'Til forever, on it goes
 Through the circle, fast and slow
 I know, it can't stop, I wonder

I wanna know, have you ever seen the rain?
 I wanna know, have you ever seen the rain?
 Coming down on a sunny day

Yeah!

I wanna know, have you ever seen the rain?
 I wanna know, have you ever seen the rain?
 Coming down on a sunny day

HAVE YOU EVER?

We use ever with the Present Perfect to talk about things that you have done in your whole life. (From being a child until now):

- Have you ever eaten Chinese food? (*Have you eaten Chinese food at any time in your life?*)
- Have you ever visited Bali? (*Have you visited Bali at any time in your life?*)



Have you ever eaten oysters?

- Yes, I have eaten oysters.
- No, I have never eaten oysters.



Have you ever flown a plane?

- Yes, I have flown a plane.
- No, I have never flown a plane.



Have you ever driven a Ferrari?

- Yes, I have driven a Ferrari.
- No, I have never driven a Ferrari.



Interesting note: John Fogerty wrote this song about his brother Tom's departure from the band. They were very successful at the moment, and the departure was like a rain on the sunny day.

Have you ever...?

Have you ever visited with your parent a place you really loved?

Has she ever visited a place she really hated?

Have they ever used a computer like this one?

Have you ever spoken with a famous person?

The short answer is...

Yes, I have.

Yes, she has.

No, I haven't

No, she hasn't.

You can also make the negation by using NEVER

No, I have NEVER visited a place I hated

Listening task # 1. Instructions: Listen and practice the next dialogue with a classmate. Check the use of present perfect in context.

4 CONVERSATION Have you ever had a Cuban sandwich?

A Listen and practice.

Erin: I'm sorry I'm late. Have you been here long?

Carlos: No, only for a few minutes. So, have you chosen a restaurant yet?

Erin: I can't decide. We can go to a big restaurant or have a sandwich at a café. Have you ever had a Cuban sandwich?

Carlos: No, I haven't. Are they good?

Erin: They're delicious. I've had them many times.

Carlos: You really like Cuban food! Have you ever been to Cuba?

Erin: No, but I went to college in Miami. I ate empanadas and rice and beans all the time!



 B Listen to the rest of the conversation. Then, choose the option that completes each statement.

1. According to the audio, Carlos _____.

has visited an amusement park a couple of times



has never visited an alligator park

has been to an alligator park lots of times

has already been to an alligator park

2. According to the audio, people can _____ at the alligator park.



go camping in groups

go running and jogging

feed the animals

take pictures

3. Based on the audio, what is Erin's opinion about visiting the alligator park?

It is boring



It is exciting

It is expensive

It is not entertaining

4. Based on the audio, Erin thinks _____.

Carlos is scared

Carlos is excited about visiting the alligator park

Carlos has visited the alligator park with his ex-girlfriend

Carlos would like to go camping instead of visiting the alligator park

Listening task # 2. Instructions: Listen to the next dialogue and choose the option that best completes each statement according to the audio.

1. How long has Carlos been in Orlando? He has been there for _____.

about a month

around a week

about a week and a half

around two weeks



2. According to the audio, Carlos _____.

visited three theme parks

never visited a theme park

has not been to Orlando before

has spent all his money visiting theme parks



3. Based on the audio, Carlos _____.

wants to be an astronaut

has never visited the Kennedy Space Center

has already visited The Kennedy Space Center

has already bought tickets to watch a movie at the shopping center



4. Based on the audio, Carlos _____.

has already gone shopping

is not interested in dating with Erin

dislikes visiting Orlando because he can't go shopping

is worried about spending a lot of money in Orlando

Oral task # 1. Instructions: Discuss the following questions in pairs or in groups. In this exercise, you are going to talk about what you have done or not in your life.



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Have you ever come home late?

When? Why?/What happened?



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Have you ever read news that made you angry?

What news made you angry?
Why?



6

Have you ever had something stolen?

What was stolen?/When/Where?

ENGLISH CONVERSATION
Today's Question...
Have you ever been locked out of your house or car?
Let us know in the comments ...



ENGLISH CONVERSATION
Today's Question...
Have you ever witnessed a crime?
What did you do?
Let us know in the comments ...



ENGLISH CONVERSATION
Today's Question...
Have you ever broken a bone?
How did it happen?
Let us know in the comments ...



ENGLISH CONVERSATION
Today's Question...
Have you ever had stitches?
When? Why?
Let us know in the comments ...



ENGLISH CONVERSATION
Today's Question...
Have you ever sung in public?
Were you nervous?
Let us know in the comments ...



ENGLISH CONVERSATION
Today's Question...
Have you ever said YES when you meant NO?
Let us know in the comments ...



ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Today's Question...

Have you ever been on TV? When? Why?



Let us know in the comments ...

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Today's Question...

Have you ever fallen asleep in class or at work?



Let us know in the comments ...

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Today's Question...

Have you ever experienced an earthquake?



Let us know in the comments ...

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Today's Question...

Have you ever tried an extreme sport? How did you feel?



Let us know in the comments ...

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Today's Question...

What has been the biggest risk you have ever taken?



Let us know in the comments ...

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Today's Question...

Have you ever forgotten someone's birthday? What happened?



Let us know in the comments ...

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Today's Question...

Have you ever danced in front of a mirror?



Let us know in the comments ...

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Today's Question...

Have you ever changed a diaper?



Let us know in the comments ...

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Today's Question...

Have you ever won a prize? What was it?



Let us know in the comments ...

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Today's Question...

Have you ever cheated while playing a game?



Let us know in the comments ...

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Today's Question...

Have you ever fallen in love?



Let us know in the comments ...

ROLE-PLAY



Instructions: Let's imagine you are going to visit a friend (as it was shown in the listening exercises), and you are going to talk about your life's experiences. **Please, use PRESENT PERFECT and GO + GERUND** in this conversation (as much as possible (Do not write your dialogue)).

Preparation time: 15 minutes.

SINCE & FOR

- We use **FOR** to talk about a length of time, a period of time.
- We use **SINCE** to talk about a point in the past, a specific point in time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNgOWWpUokc>

- I have worked here **for** 8 years.
- You have played football **for** ten years.
- We have taught at this school **for** a long time.
- He has been a student **for** eight years.
- They've been married **for** 30 years.
- She has been in prison **for** 6 months.
- I haven't been on holiday **for** ages.

- He has lived here **since** 1993.
- They have been at the hotel **since** last week.
- I haven't ridden a horse **since** I was 9.
- You have worked here **since** you left your school.
- I haven't been on holiday **since** last year.
- **Since** his wife went away, he has been waiting for her.

Just, yet, still, already

- ◆ JUST → used only with present perfect and it means 'a short time ago'
Ex: **Mike has just called. Can you ring him back please?**
- ◆ YET → used to talk about something expected to happen. It means 'at any time up to now'. It is used in questions and negatives at the end of the sentence.
Ex: **I haven't finished my homework yet.**
- ◆ STILL → used to talk about something that hasn't finished, especially when we expected it to finish earlier.
Ex: **You promised to give me the report yesterday and you still haven't finished it.**
- ◆ ALREADY → used to say that something has happened early.
Ex: **I've already spent my salary and it's 2 weeks before pay day.**

just

It's used in affirmative sentences. It's placed between the auxiliary verb and the past participle. → *Look, he has just arrived. It was five minutes ago.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbC1d89JD80>

yet

It's used in negative and interrogative sentences. It's placed at the end of the sentence. → *Have you finished your task yet? Not yet, sorry.*

already

It's used in affirmative sentences. It's placed between the auxiliary verb and the past participle. → *Homework is finished. I've already done it.*

still

It's used in negative sentences. It's placed before the auxiliary verb with the Present Perfect. → *She still hasn't seen it.*

PRESENT PERFECT

There are words you can use in Present Perfect.

already (+)

I've already done my homework.

just (+)

She's just gone to school.

yet (-) (?)

They haven't finished yet.
Has she phoned yet?

before (-/+) (?)

They haven't been to Paris before.
They have been to Paris before.
Have they been to Paris before?

PRESENT PERFECT & ADVERBS



STILL vs. **YET**



He still hasn't finished the report.

It has taken a long time and I continue to have to wait for it.



He hasn't finished the report yet.

It has not been done though I expect it to happen soon.

JUST

vs.

ALREADY



He has just finished the report.

It was completed a moment ago.



He has already finished the report.

It has been done sooner than expected.

EVER

vs.

NEVER



Has he ever finished the report?

Has he finished it at any time in life?



He has never finished the report.

At no time in his life has he finished it.

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