



Grammar Talks 4-07 Present Perfect for Experiences

How International are you?

Katie and Todd discuss experiences with people, food and cultures, movies and more.

Todd: OK, Katie.



Katie: Yeah.

Todd: Let's take an international test.

Katie: Oh, OK.

Todd: How international are you? *Let's find out.*

Katie: Let's find out.

Todd: First, have you _____ Greek food?

Katie: Greek food? Ah, _____, how do you say it, falafel.

Todd: Oh, is that Greek?

Katie: I think so. _____ that, but *apart from that*, _____ eaten Greek food. How about you?

Todd: Ah, I think I have. Like, I've _____ yogurt. *Does that count?*

Katie: That counts.

Todd: That counts?

Katie: That counts.

Todd: OK, _____ ever eaten Russian food?

Katie: What's Russian food?

Todd: I think, Russian food, is it borscht? Borscht is like a cabbage soup.

Katie: Hmm, I've _____ Russian food.

Todd: Yeah, maybe I haven't eaten Russian food either. OK, last one, have you ever eaten _____ food?

Katie: Ah, I see it written down. Is it pho?

Todd: Pho, the noodles?

Katie: Yeah, I've _____ before.

Todd: Yeah, I've been to Vietnam so I've eaten Vietnamese food a lot. And pho the noodles is really good.

Quiz

1) Has she eaten Greek food?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Did not say

2) Has she eaten Russian Food

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Did not say

3) Has she eaten Thai food?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Did not say

4) Who has studied Thai?

- a) He has
- b) She has
- c) Neither of them

5) What language have they both studied?

- a) French
- b) German
- c) Spanish

Grammar Challenge

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

ever studied	ever eaten	eaten pho	I studied
I've had	had that	I've eaten	I've never
Vietnamese	eaten Greek	have you	never eaten

Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) Have you ever eaten Mexican food?
- 2) Have you ever studied Italian?
- 3) Have you met an Australian person?
- 4) Have you ever seen a Japanese movie?
- 5) Have you been to Brazil?

{-} Yes, I have seen a few Godzilla movies.
{-} Yes, my friend is from Sydney.
{-} No, I haven't, but I really want to go there.
{-} Yes, I eat tacos all the time.
{-} Si, I took a class in college.

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Katie: Yeah, it's delicious.

Todd: I've _____ too.

Katie: OK, now let's talk about languages.

Todd: Oh, OK. Have you _____ French?

Katie: I have. I _____ French for five years.

Todd: Oh, can you still speak French?

Katie: *Nope. Not at all.*

Todd: Yeah, me too. I once studied French years ago, but I haven't spoken French in so long I can't remember anything.

Katie: I can't remember anything either.

Todd: Have you ever studied an Asian Language?

Katie: I've studied Japanese. I can still speak it a little bit now, and I studied a little bit of Korean, but I don't speak Korean.

Todd: Oh, really. OK. Wow, like I've studied Thai because I lived in Thailand for five years, and like you I've studied Japanese, but my Japanese is terrible.

Katie: How about your Thai?

Todd: My Thai is OK. It's OK. I can talk a little bit. OK, so have you ever met a Spanish person?

Katie: A Spanish person?
Actually, I don't think I have.

Todd: Really?

Katie: I don't think I have met a Spanish person.

Todd: Oh, interesting. I've been to Spain so, I've met *a few* and we have a Spanish teacher at our school.

Katie: Oh, maybe I have met a Spanish person then. Maybe, I've met a secret Spanish person.

Todd: OK, have you met a Chinese person?

Katie: Oh, yes, I've meet lots of Chinese people.

Todd: OK, and have you met a Brazilian person?

Katie: I feel like if I say no, then I have. Probably. Probably, I've met a Brazilian person.

Todd: Yeah, I've met a few people from Brazil, so they're always nice. Very friendly people.

Todd: OK, we'll talk about movies.

Katie: OK.

Todd: Have you ever seen a German movie?

Katie: I haven't seen a German movie. I haven't seen very many movies.

Todd: Oh, OK.

Katie: Even English movies, I haven't seen very many.

Todd: Well, have you seen a Canadian movie?

Katie: Uh, I don't know. Have I?

Todd: Well, *the thing is*, in Hollywood in America, all the famous actors are Canadian, so I think everybody's seen a Canadian movie.

Katie: I've definitely seen a Canadian actor.

Todd: Yeah, all actors in America are Canadian *it seems like*.



Grammar

Present Perfect

Point 1: Use the present perfect to talk about experiences.

- **Where have you worked?**
- I've worked for many companies.
- I haven't worked for him.
- **Have you been to Europe?**
- Yes, I have been to Spain.
- No, I haven't had the time or money.

Point 2: Use the particle 'yet' in questions to ask if an action occurred.

- **Have you seen the movie yet?**
- Yes, I have seen it.
- No, I have not seen it yet.
- **Have you finished yet?**
- Yes, I am done.
- Not yet.

Point 3: Use 'already' in affirmative statements. It can go before or after the verb. Also, the answer can use the past tense.

- **Have you eaten yet?**
- Yes, I've eaten already.
- Yes, I've already eaten.
- **Have you called her?**
- Yes, I called her already.
- Yes, I already called her.

Point 4: Contractions

- I have eaten. = I've eaten.
- I have not eaten. = I haven't eaten yet.

- You have won. = You've won.
- You have not won yet. = You haven't won yet.

- She has left. = She's left.
- She has not left yet. = She hasn't left yet.

- He has finished = He's finished.
- He has not finished yet. = He hasn't finished yet.

- It has stopped. = It's stopped.
- It has not stopped yet. = It hasn't stopped yet.

- They have quit. = They've quit.
- They have not quit yet. = They haven't quit yet.

- We have won. = We've won.
- We have not won yet. = We haven't won yet.

Katie: I think so.

Todd: OK, have you ever bought something from Italy?

Katie: From Italy. I have. I have bought - not for me - but I bought my mother a bag from Italy one time.

Todd: OK, what was the brand?

Katie: *I have no idea.* She asked me to buy a brand and I bought it, but I don't know which one it was.

Todd: OK, have you bought something from Japan?

Katie: I've bought lots of things from Japan. I've lived in Japan for a few years, so I've bought all kinds of things from Japan.

Todd: OK, and now we'll *move on* to countries.

Katie: OK.

Todd: Have you ever been to France?

Katie: I have. Actually, I have been to France a couple of times. My high school has a house in France, so for our school trips we would go to France every year.

Todd: Ooh, how nice.

Katie: Yeah, how about you? Have you been to France?

Todd: You know, I haven't really. I took a bus from England to Prague, so the bus drove through France, but it never stopped.

Katie: I see.

Todd: What other countries have you been to?

Katie: I've been to Germany, I've been to Hong Kong, I've been to South Korea, and I've been to China.

Todd: Wow, you've been to a lot of places.

Katie: Yeah. How about you? What countries have you been to?

Todd: Ah, I've been to countries in Europe. I've been to Israel. I've been to Cambodia, and Laos. I worked in Thailand, and I've been to Taiwan and Korea.

Katie: Wow. Which country did you like the best?

Todd: *Oh boy!* That's impossible. I will say this, I love ... I love Seoul. I love Seoul, Korea. It's a great city. OK, *anyway*, thanks Katie.

Katie: Thank you.