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Present perfect with ever / never



Has anyone in the class
ever been to London?

Language focus

Use the **present perfect** to talk about things that happened in the past without having to be clear about when the action happened.

My sister **has lived** in Italy not *My sister has lived in Italy three years ago.*

Form the present perfect with **has / have + past participle**. In informal spoken and written English, the contracted form is usually used.

Full form

He **has read** lots of books about London.

Contracted form

He's **read** lots of books about London.

Use the **present perfect** with **ever / never** to talk about things that you have or haven't done.

Ever means 'at any time in your life up to now'. Questions beginning with **Have you ever** are a common way of asking someone about the experiences they have had.

Have you ever met a famous person?

Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.

Never means 'not ever' or 'at no time in your life up to now'. Use the word with an affirmative rather than a negative verb.

I have **never** met a famous person not *I haven't never met a famous person.*

1 Complete the sentences with **ever** or **never**.

- 1 My brother has never played the piano.
- 2 Have you _____ written a story?
- 3 You've _____ been to London? Really? I'm very surprised.
- 4 I've _____ been to Moscow, but I'd like to go there one day.
- 5 I've watched the Star Wars films many times, but my brother has _____ seen them.
- 6 Have you _____ tried Japanese food?

2 Write the past participles.

- 1 make made
- 2 see _____
- 3 swim _____
- 4 do _____
- 5 eat _____

- 6 ride _____
- 7 win _____
- 8 cook _____
- 9 build _____
- 10 buy _____

3 Complete the questions with the verbs from Activity 2.

- 1 Have you ever made a pancake?
- 2 Have any of your friends ever _____ a competition?
- 3 Have you ever _____ a tree house?
- 4 Has your sister ever _____ Polish food?
- 5 Have you ever _____ in the Pacific Ocean?
- 6 Have you ever _____ a horse?
- 7 Have you ever _____ a crossword puzzle?
- 8 Has your brother ever _____ a meal for the whole family?
- 9 Have you ever _____ a computer?
- 10 Have your parents ever _____ a film in English?



4 Match the questions from Activity 3 with answers a-j.

- a No, I haven't. They're too expensive.
- b Yes, he has. Many times. He's the chef of the family.
- c Yes, I have. My brother and I built one with my dad when we were young.
- d I'm not sure. I'll have to ask them when I see them at school.
- e No, I haven't, but my mother has. She loves doing them.
- f Yes, they have. They love watching films in other languages.
- g No, I haven't. I think I'd fall off.
- h Yes, I have. Once, two summers ago. It was very warm.
- i Yes, she has. She lives in Warsaw!
- j Yes, I have. They are my favourite things to make!

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