4 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Simple past vs. present perfect

Use the simple past for experiences at a definite time in the past.

Use the present perfect for experiences within a time period up to the present.

Have you ever **eaten** frog legs?
Yes, I **have**. I **tried** them last month.
Did you **like** them?
Yes, I **did**. They **were** delicious.

Have you ever **been** to a Vietnamese restaurant?
No, I **haven't**. But I **ate** at a Thai restaurant last night.
Did you **go** alone?
No, I **went** with some friends.

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A Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

1. **A:** Have you ever ___eaten___ (eat) sushi?
   B: Yes, I _____. In fact, I _____ (eat) some just last week.
2. **A:** Have you ever _____ (try) Moroccan food?
   B: No, I _____, but I'd like to.
3. **A:** Did you _____ (have) breakfast today?
   B: Yes, I _____. I _____ (eat) a huge breakfast.
4. **A:** Have you ever _____ (be) to a picnic at the beach?
   B: Yes, I _____. My family and I _____ (have) a picnic on the beach last month. We _____ (cook) hamburgers.
5. **A:** Did you _____ (cook) dinner last night?
   B: Yes, I _____. I _____ (make) spaghetti [illegible] tomato sauce.

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