



- A: Have you ever been to New York?
 B: Yes, I have.
 A: When did you go?
 B: I went there in 2017.
 A: What did you do?
 B: We celebrated New Year's in Times Square!

Presentation

You can use the present perfect and simple past to say something happened in the past.

Present perfect

Use the present perfect to say something happened in the past but not exactly when:

I / You / We / They	've / haven't	been	to New York.
He / She / It	has / hasn't		

Simple past

Use the simple past to say exactly when something happened in the past:

I / You / We / They	went	in 2017.
He / She / It		

Time expressions

When the time phrases refer to an unfinished period of time, you can use the present perfect:

We've been before / today / this week / this month / this year.

We use the simple past (not the present perfect) when we use a time phrase that says the exact time the action happened:

We went yesterday / last week / at midnight / in 2017.

Past participles

The past participle of the verb can be

- regular (add *-ed*): *celebrate* → *celebrated* → *celebrated*, *watch* → *watched* → *watched*
- irregular: *go* → *went* → *gone*, *do* → *did* → *done*

TIP We often start conversations using the present perfect to talk about general experiences, and then use the simple past to give details:

*"Have you ever been to New York?" "Yes, I have."
 "When did you go?" "I went there in 2017."*

Exercises

1 Match the questions to the answers.

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| 1 | What time did you get to school? | <input type="checkbox"/> | a | No, I haven't. Maybe he's working at home today. |
| 2 | Have you seen Ryan this morning? | <input type="checkbox"/> | b | Yes, I've been a few times. |
| 3 | Where did you learn to play the guitar? | <input type="checkbox"/> | c | At my old school. I had a good teacher. |
| 4 | Have you finished your course? | <input type="checkbox"/> | d | We've had a lot of extra work this week, so I stayed until 8. |
| 5 | Have you ever been to Nepal? | <input type="checkbox"/> | e | Yes, I have. I finished yesterday. |
| 6 | Why were you late home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | f | I'm not sure, but I was late. |

2 Make sentences using the present perfect or simple past. Use the present perfect where possible.

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| 1 | We / make / a cake. | <u>We've made a cake.</u> |
| 2 | I / leave / home / in 2015. | <u>I left home in 2015.</u> |
| 3 | They / booked / a trip to Rome. | _____ |
| 4 | You / go / to Rome / last year. | _____ |
| 5 | The lesson / start / 15 minutes ago. | _____ |
| 6 | The movie / start. | _____ |
| 7 | You / ever / fly / in a plane? | _____ |
| 8 | You / see / your family / the weekend? | _____ |

3 Complete the conversations with the present perfect or the simple past of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 A: ¹_____ (you / call) Mandy last night?
 B: Yes, I did. And I've left three more messages this morning, but she ²_____ (not / answer).
- 2 A: ³_____ (you / buy) anything to eat when you were out?
 B: No, because I ⁴_____ (arrange) to go out for dinner this evening with Tim and Shirley.
- 3 A: ⁵_____ (you / ever / win) anything?
 B: Only once. I won a competition in my school magazine. They ⁶_____ (give) me ten dollars!
- 4 A: ⁷_____ (your teacher / give) you an exam?
 B: No, he hasn't.
 A: My teacher has. I ⁸_____ (fail) it.

4  20 Write conversations. Then listen and check.

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| 1 | Canada? → yes: Montreal last year | 3 | curry? → yes: in London last summer |
| A: | <u>Have you ever been to Canada?</u> | A: | _____ |
| B: | <u>Yes, I have. I went to Montreal last year.</u> | B: | _____ |
| 2 | rugby? → yes: when I was at school | | |
| A: | _____ | 4 | Romeo and Juliet? → yes: at the Globe Theatre in May |
| B: | _____ | A: | _____ |
| | | B: | _____ |