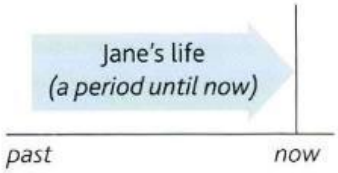
Unit 8

Present perfect 2 (I have done)

A

Study this example conversation:

DAVE: **Have** you **travelled** a lot, Jane?
JANE: Yes, I**'ve been** to lots of places.
DAVE: Really? **Have** you ever **been** to China?
JANE: Yes, I**'ve been** to China twice.
DAVE: What about India?
JANE: No, I **haven't been** to India.



When we talk about a period of time that continues from the past until now, we use the *present perfect* (**have been** / **have travelled** etc.). Here, Dave and Jane are talking about the places Jane has visited in her life, which is a period that continues until now.

Some more examples:

- **Have** you ever **eaten** caviar?
- We**'ve** never **had** a car.
- '**Have** you **read** *Hamlet*?' 'No, I **haven't read** any of Shakespeare's plays.'
- Susan really loves that film. She**'s seen** it eight times!
- What a boring film! It's the most boring film I**'ve ever seen**.

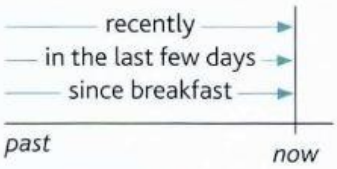
Been (to) = visited:

- I**'ve** never **been to** China. Have you **been** there?

B

In the following examples too, the speakers are talking about a period that continues until now (**recently** / **in the last few days** / **so far** / **since breakfast** etc.):

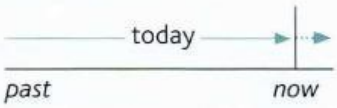
- **Have** you **heard** anything from Brian **recently**?
- I**'ve met** a lot of people **in the last few days**.
- Everything is going well. We **haven't had** any problems **so far**.
- I'm hungry. I **haven't eaten** anything **since breakfast**. (= from breakfast until now)
- It's good to see you again. We **haven't seen** each other **for a long time**.



C

In the same way we use the present perfect with **today** / **this evening** / **this year** etc. when these periods are not finished at the time of speaking (see also Unit 14B):

- I**'ve drunk** four cups of coffee today.
- **Have** you **had** a holiday **this year**?
- I **haven't seen** Tom **this morning**. **Have** you?
- Rob **hasn't worked** very hard **this term**.



D

We say: It's the (first) time something **has happened**. For example:

- Don is having a driving lesson. It's his first one. It's the first time he **has driven** a car. (*not* drives)

or He **has never driven** a car **before**.

- Sarah has lost her passport again. This is the second time this **has happened**. (*not* happens)
- Bill is phoning his girlfriend again. That's the third time he**'s phoned** her **this evening**.



Present perfect 1 → Unit 7 Present perfect + **for**/**since** → Units 11–12
Present perfect and past → Units 12–14

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Exercises

8.1 You ask people about things they have done. Write questions with **ever**.

1 (ride / horse?) Have you ever ridden a horse?
2 (be / California?) Have
3 (run / marathon?)
4 (speak / famous person?)
5 (most beautiful place / visit?) What's

8.2 Complete B's answers. Some sentences are positive and some negative. Use these verbs:

be be eat happen ~~have~~ have ~~meet~~ play read see try

	A	B
1	What's Mark's sister like?	I've no idea. I've never met her.
2	Is everything going well?	Yes, we haven't had any problems so far.
3	Are you hungry?	Yes. I much today.
4	Can you play chess?	Yes, but for ages.
5	Are you enjoying your holiday?	Yes, it's the best holiday for a long time.
6	What's that book like?	I don't know. it.
7	Is Brussels an interesting place?	I've no idea. there.
8	I hear your car broke down again yesterday.	Yes, it's the second time this month.
9	Do you like caviar?	I don't know. it.
10	Mike was late for work again today.	Again? He late every day this week.
11	Who's that woman by the door?	I don't know. her before.

8.3 Write four sentences about yourself. Use **I haven't** and choose from the boxes.

used a computer | travelled by bus | eaten any fruit
been to the cinema | read a book | lost anything

today
this week
recently
for ages
since ...
this year

1 I haven't used a computer today.
2
3
4
5

8.4 Read the situations and write sentences as shown in the example.

1 Jack is driving a car, but he's very nervous and not sure what to do.
You ask: Have you driven a car before?
He says: No, this is the first time I've driven a car.
2 Ben is playing tennis. He's not good at it and he doesn't know the rules.
You ask: Have
He says: No, this is the first
3 Sue is riding a horse. She doesn't look very confident or comfortable.
You ask:
She says:
4 Maria is in Japan. She has just arrived and it's very new for her.
You ask:
She says:

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