

Have you ever been to Paris?



Yes, I have. I went last year, with Maddy.

I've never skied before. This is terrifying!



Wow! I haven't seen that before. It's beautiful. When did you get it?



This is the first time I've flown. It's so exciting!



Presentation

Use the present perfect to talk about your experiences – the things you've done, and haven't done, in your life. Form the present perfect with *have / has + past participle*.

Past participle

With regular verbs, add *-ed*: *ski* → *skied*

Some verbs are irregular: *see* → *seen*, *fly* → *flown*

See page 235: irregular verb list

Affirmative and negative

I / You / We / They	've (have) haven't (have not)	visited	Paris.
He / She / It	's (has) hasn't (has not)		

Questions

How many countries	have	I / you / we / they	visited?	
	has	he / she / it		
	Have	I / you / we / they	visited	Paris?
	Has	he / she / it		

Short answers

Yes, I / you / we / they	have.	No, I / you / we / they	haven't.
Yes, he / she / it	has.	No, he / she / it	hasn't.

ever / never

You often use the present perfect with *ever* and *never*:

Have you ever driven a jeep? (*ever* = in your life)

I've never been to India. (*never* = not in my whole life)

You also use the present perfect with *not / never ... before*:
I haven't been here before. I've never skied before.

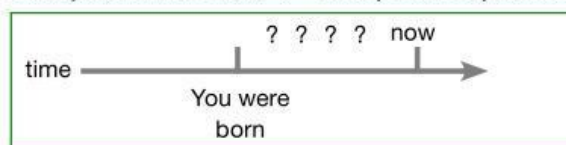
You use the present perfect and not the present simple with *the first / second / third time*.

Say *This is the first time I've ridden a bike.* (don't say *This is the first time I ride a bike.*)

Present perfect and past simple

Use the present perfect to talk about experiences in general. You do not say when it happened.

Have you been to Paris? (= at any time in your life)



You often use the past simple after present perfect questions to give information about specific events and times in the past.

Yes, I have. I went last year, with my friend Maddy.



been

When you are talking about experiences, you often use *been* as the past participle for *go*.

Say *I've been to Paris three times.* (don't say *I've gone to Paris three times.*)

See Unit 24 for more information about *been* and *gone*.

1 Complete the sentences with the present perfect of the verb in brackets.

- 1 This is the first time I _____ (eat) here. The food is really good.
- 2 Dave _____ never _____ (win) a prize before. He's so pleased!
- 3 _____ Jamie _____ (meet) Klara? I think he'd like her.
- 4 I _____ (not do) anything like this before. It's great fun!
- 5 _____ you ever _____ (go) to a football match?
- 6 My parents _____ (not be) here before. It's their first time.
- 7 _____ you _____ (study) this before? You're very good at it.
- 8 _____ Abby _____ (see) the new photo exhibition? She'd love it.

2 Write questions using *you* and the present perfect.

- 1 travel / abroad? Have you ever travelled abroad?
- 2 be / a live concert? _____
- 3 take part / sports competition? _____
- 4 be / on TV? _____

3 Answer the questions in exercise 2. If the answer is yes, give more details. Use the present perfect or simple past as appropriate.

- 1 Yes, I have. I've been to France, Morocco and Thailand. I went to Thailand last year for a month.
It was great! _____

4 Ⓟ Choose the correct form of the verb. Then listen and check.**Conversation 1**

- A: ¹ *Have you tried / Did you try* the new Korean restaurant in town?
- B: Yes, I ² *have / did*. We ³ *'ve been / went* there a couple of times. We ⁴ *'ve been / went* last weekend.
- A: What ⁵ *have you thought / did you think* of it?
- B: It was good, really good.

Conversation 2

- C: I hate my job!
- D: ⁶ *Have you ever thought / Did you ever think* about changing it?
- C: Yes, I ⁷ *have / did*, lots of times! In fact I ⁸ *'ve spoken / spoke* to my boss about it yesterday.
- D: Really? What ⁹ *has he said / did he say*?

5 Underline the mistake in each sentence and write the correct version.

- 1 Have you eaten well when you were in London? Did you eat
- 2 This is only the second time I sleep in a tent. _____
- 3 I never went here before. It's really beautiful. _____
- 4 Have you ever gone to Australia? I'd love to go. _____
- 5 He visited so many interesting places in these last three months. _____
- 6 Have you enjoyed the film last night? Yes, we did. It was great. _____
- 7 Is this the first time your kids visited Disneyland? _____
- 8 I've seen Paul at the swimming pool yesterday. _____