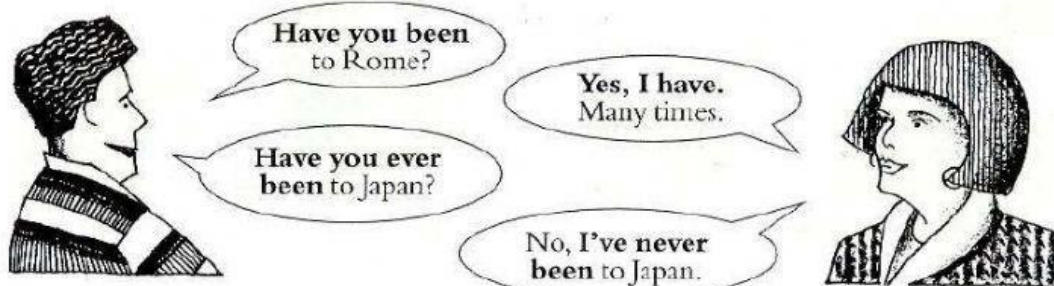
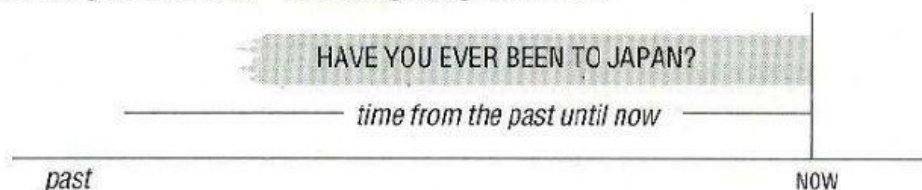


Have you ever ... ? (present perfect 3)

A



We use the *present perfect* (**have been** / **have had** / **have played** etc.) when we talk about a time from the past until now – for example, a person's life:



- 'Have you **been** to France?' (in your life) 'No, I **haven't**.'
- I've **been** to Canada but I **haven't been** to the United States.
- Mary is an interesting person. She **has had** many different jobs and **has lived** in many places.
- I've **seen** that woman before but I can't remember where.
- How many times **has** Brazil **won** the World Cup?
- 'Have you **read** this book?' 'Yes, I've **read** it twice.' (twice = two times)

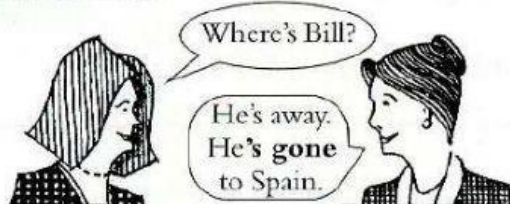
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present perfect + **ever** (in questions) and **never**:

- 'Has Ann **ever been** to Australia?' 'Yes, once.' (once = one time)
- 'Have you **ever played** golf?' 'Yes, I often play golf.'
- My mother **has never travelled** by air.
- I've **never ridden** a horse.
- 'Who is that man?' 'I don't know. I've **never seen** him before.'

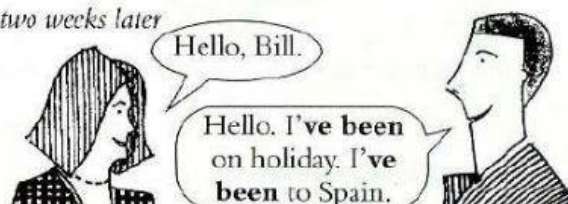
C

gone and been



Bill **has gone** to Spain.
(= he is in Spain now)

two weeks later



Bill **has been** to Spain.
(= he went to Spain but now he is back)

Compare:

- I can't find Susan. Where **has** she **gone**? (= Where is she now?)
- Oh, hello Susan! I was looking for you. Where **have** you **been**?

EXERCISES

17.1 You are asking Helen questions beginning **Have you ever ... ?** Write the questions.



- 1 (London?) Have you ever been to London?
- 2 (play / golf?) Have you ever played golf?
- 3 (Australia?) Have
- 4 (lose / your passport?)
- 5 (fly / in a helicopter?)
- 6 (eat / Chinese food?)
- 7 (New York?)
- 8 (drive / a bus?)
- 9 (break / your leg?)

HELEN



- No, never.
Yes, many times.
No, never.
Yes, once.
No, never.
Yes, a few times.
Yes, twice.
No, never.
Yes, once.

17.2 Write sentences about Helen. (Look at her answers in Exercise 17.1.)

- 1 (New York) Helen has been to New York twice.
- 2 (Australia) Helen
- 3 (Chinese food)
- 4 (drive / a bus)

Now write about yourself. How often have you done these things?

- 5 (New York) I
- 6 (play / tennis)
- 7 (fly / in a helicopter)
- 8 (be / late for work or school)

17.3 Mary is 65 years old. She has had an interesting life. What has she done?



have	be
do	write
travel	meet

all over the world	a lot of interesting things
many different jobs	a lot of interesting people
ten books	married three times

- 1 She has had many different jobs.
- 2 She
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

17.4 Put in **gone** or **been**.

- 1 Bill is on holiday at the moment. He's gone to Spain.
- 2 'Where's Jill?' 'She's not here. I think she's to the bank.'
- 3 Hello, Sue. Where have you ? Have you to the bank?
- 4 'Have you ever to Mexico?' 'No, never.'
- 5 My parents aren't at home this evening. They've out.
- 6 There's a new restaurant in town. Have you to it?
- 7 Ann knows Paris well. She's there many times.
- 8 Helen was here earlier but I think she's now.