

4A present perfect (experience) + ever, never

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I've (I have) You've (You have) He's (He has) She's (She has) It's (It has) We've (We have) They've (They have)	been to London.
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I haven't You haven't He hasn't She hasn't It hasn't We haven't They haven't	worked in a bank.
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Have you worked in a bank? Has he been to London?	Yes, I have. Yes, he has.	No, I haven't. No, he hasn't.
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- Use the present perfect to talk about past experiences when you don't say exactly when they happened.
I've been to London. NOT ~~*I've been to London last year.*~~
My brother has worked abroad.
- For regular verbs the past participle is the same as the past simple (+ ed). For **Irregular verbs** see p.155.
- We often use the present perfect with *ever* (= in your life until now) and *never*.
Have you ever been to London? No, I've never been there.

⚠ Compare the present perfect of *go* and *be*.
He's gone to Paris. = He's in Paris now.
He's been to Paris. = He went to Paris and came back.

present perfect or past simple?

A Have you ever been to Mexico?	B Yes, I have.
A When did you go there?	B I went last year.

- Conversations often begin in the present perfect (with a general question) and then change to the past simple (with questions asking for specific details, *when, where, who with*, etc.)
- Use the past simple to ask / say exactly when something happened.

a Write sentences or questions with the present perfect.

- he / ever / be there? *Has he ever been there?*
- 1 you / ever buy / clothes from that shop?
 - 2 I / not read / the newspaper today.
 - 3 We / never be / to the new shopping centre.
 - 4 your brother / live abroad / all his life?
 - 5 They / go / to live in South America.
 - 6 She / never fly / before.
 - 7 He / not meet / his wife's family.
 - 8 you / eat / in this restaurant before?

b Right (✓) or wrong (✗)? Correct the wrong sentences.

He's got up late this morning. ✗ *He got up late this morning.*

- 1 We've been to Ireland last year.
- 2 Have you ever gone to Paris?
- 3 Jane's gone to the bank. She'll be back soon.
- 4 I like your shoes. Where did you buy them?
- 5 I've seen that film last week.
- 6 I spoke to him a minute ago.
- 7 My sister's a writer. She's written five novels.
- 8 World War II has ended in 1945.