

4A I've never ...

GRAMMAR | present perfect simple (1)

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LISTENING

1 A Work in pairs. Look at the photos and discuss the questions.

- 1 What are the people doing?
- 2 Do you like these activities? Why/Why not?

B 4.01 | Listen to a radio phone-in. Which topics in the box do the people talk about?

animals camping food shopping sport
technology transport weather

C 4.01 | Work in pairs and complete the sentences. Then listen again and check.

- 1 Alicia went to a football stadium and she saw
- 2 Gina likes cooking, but she doesn't like
- 3 Tony got on the roller coaster and then he
- 4 Sonya moved to an apartment, but she couldn't
- 5 Josh slept in the car because he
- 6 When he was young, Kieron loved music and he

D Make a list of seven everyday activities. Use the topics in Ex 1B to help. Then work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 Which activities do you both do?
- 2 Which activities on your partner's list do you never do?

GRAMMAR

present perfect simple (1)

2A Look at the sentences and underline the verbs. Which tenses do the speakers use?

- 1 Alicia hasn't eaten chocolate.
- 2 She's watched football on TV, but she hasn't seen a live match.
- 3 Have you ever tried to make a cake?
- 4 I've never been on a roller coaster.
- 5 Then in 2012, we moved to an apartment in the city centre.

B Choose the correct words to complete the rules.

- 1 We form the present perfect with **have** + the **past simple** / **past participle**.
- 2 We use the present perfect to talk about a **present** / **past** action.
- 3 We use the past simple to talk about events when we **say** / **don't say** the specific time.
- 4 We use the present perfect to talk about general experiences when we **say** / **don't say** the time.

C Learn and practise. Go to the Grammar Bank.

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VOCABULARY

irregular past participles

3A Work in pairs. How many past participles do you know? Complete the table.

infinitive	past simple	past participle
be	was/were	been
buy	bought	
do	did	
drink	drank	
drive	drove	
eat	ate	
go	went	/
have	had	
make	made	
ride	rode	
see	saw	
sleep	slept	

B Check in the Irregular Verbs list on page 175.

PRONUNCIATION

4A |irregular past participles| Work in pairs. Complete the table with the past participles from Ex 3A.

/ɪ/ (it)	/i:/ (eat)	/e/ (bed)	/ʌ/ (up)	/ɔ:/ (or)	other
been				bought	

B  4.02 | Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat.

C Work in pairs and look at the past participles (1–8). What is the infinitive for each one?

1 caught	catch	3 met	5 swum	7 won
2 given		4 read	6 taught	8 written

D Read the Future Skills box. Then put the past participles in Ex 4C under the correct sound in the table in Ex 4A.

FUTURE SKILLS

Self-management



Often, the spelling of a word is very different from its pronunciation. If you're not sure of the pronunciation, check in a dictionary or online. Remember that you can listen to a model of the word online.

5A Write six questions about experiences. Start with *Have you ever ... ?* and use the verbs in Exs 3A and 4C.

Have you ever met a famous person?

Have you ever swum in a river?

B Work in pairs. Student A: Ask a question. Student B: Answer. Student A: Ask follow-up questions. Then swap roles.

A: Have you ever met a famous person?

B: Yes, I have. I've met Jennifer Lawrence.

A: Wow! When did you meet her?

SPEAKING

6A Write two true sentences and one false sentence about your experiences. Use the sentence stems below.

I've ...

I've never ...

I haven't ...

B Work with other students. Take turns to read out one of your sentences. The other students ask questions to find out if the sentence is true or false.

A: I've never seen a giraffe.

B: Have you been to a zoo?

A: Yes, I have.

C: How many times have you been to a zoo?

A: Maybe four or five times in my life.

B: When did you last go to a zoo?

A: Last year, in Krakow, but I didn't see any giraffes.

C: I think your sentence is false.

A: It's true! I've never seen a giraffe!

WRITING

write a description of a first-time experience; link ideas

7A Read the beginning of a description of a first-time experience. What do you think the writer did? How was the experience, do you think?

Recently, I did something for the first time. I live very near a canal in west London and I love cycling, but I've never ...

B Check your ideas in the Writing Bank. Then write a description of a first-time experience.

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4A present perfect simple (1)

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We use the present perfect simple to talk about general experiences in our life, before now.

We don't say when because it isn't important or we don't know.

I've **driven** a bus. (= in my life before now)

Chris **has never watched** a football match. (= in his life before now)

Positive and negative

subject	auxiliary verb (have)	past participle	object or phrase
I/You/We/They	've (have) haven't	played	this game.
He/She/It	's (has) hasn't	seen	snow before.

For negatives we can also use *never* + a positive verb.

I've **never swum** in the ocean.

Past participles

Past participles of regular verbs are the same as the past simple.

We've **stayed** in this hotel three times. Jamil **has worked** in India.

Many common verbs have irregular past participles.

I've **done** a lot of different sports. Elena **has driven** a bus.

See page 175 for a list of irregular verbs and their past participles.

Go has two past participles, *been* (*to*) and *gone* (*to*).

My brother **has been** to Spain. (= He went to Spain and came back.)

My brother **has gone** to Spain. (= He's in Spain now.)

Been is also the past participle of *be*.

I've **never been** in a play. She's **been** really tired all week.

Questions

	wh-word	auxiliary	subject	past participle
wh-questions	Which countries	have	I/you/we/they	visited?
		has	he/she/it	
yes/no questions		Have	I/you/we/they	been (to Spain)?
		Has	he/she/it	

We can use short answers to *yes/no* questions in the present perfect simple.

Yes, they **have**./No, I **haven't**.

Yes, he **has**./No, she **hasn't**.

We can also ask questions with *ever*.

Have you **ever flown** in a small plane? (= in all of your life)

Notice

Look at the difference between the present perfect simple and the past simple.

I've **been** to Malaysia. (= We don't say when this happened. It is some time in my life before now.)

I **went** to Malaysia **in 2020**. (= We are speaking about a specific time in the past.)

We can use the present perfect simple to begin conversations, and then the past simple to ask about or give details.

A: Have you **ever been** to China?

B: Yes, I **have**.

A: When **did you go**?

B: I **went** in 2018.

PRACTICE

1 Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Gemi as a vet in Kenya. (work)

2 Can you help me with this app? I it before. (not / use)

3 I golf. (never / play)

4 my manager, Amah? Amah, this is Robert. (you / meet)

5 Jude to Montevideo and Salto. He loved both places! (go)

6 in Canada? (Sofia / ever / live)

7 That actor's very famous. He in lots of films. (be)

8 How many videos? (she / make)

2 Choose the correct words to complete the email.

Hi Mateo,

Wow! You're going to live in New Zealand for a year! ¹Have you been / Did you go to New Zealand before? I ²'ve been / was there twice and when I was there I ³'ve travelled / travelled all round North Island. It's beautiful! You asked me about Auckland. Yes, I've ⁴been / gone there, too. I ⁵'ve stayed / stayed in Auckland in 2010 for a month. I was teaching at the university. It was in July and it ⁶'s rained / rained a lot, but I really enjoyed my stay.

I ⁷'ve never visited / never visited South Island, but my friend Carla ⁸has driven / drove all around it. She says it's beautiful. Last year, she ⁹'s gone / went to Queenstown and she ¹⁰'s done / did a bungee jump. I think she's very brave!

Write back to me and tell me more!

Dan

3 Use the prompts to make sentences and questions and complete the conversations. Use the present perfect simple and the past simple.

1 A: you / ever / eat / Thai food?

B: Yes, / I / .

A: you / like / it?

B: Yes, / I / .

2 A: I / see / this programme / before.

B: When / you / see / it?

A: I / see / it / last year. / I / not / like / it.

B: I / never / see / it.