

Activity Type

Writing and speaking activity

Language Focus

Present perfect for experience

'Have you ever...?' questions and short answers

Aim

To ask and answer 'Have you ever...?' questions to find out about other students' experiences.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This engaging worksheet activity teaches students how to construct present perfect 'Have you ever...?' questions to ask about experiences.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Go through how to construct 'Have you ever...?' questions and short answers with the class.

Elicit the questions the students need to ask from the worksheet. Also, go through possible answers and follow-up questions.

Example: fly / in a hot air balloon

Question: Have you ever flown in a hot air balloon?

Students then use the prompts in the chart on their worksheet to ask 'Have you ever...?' questions to their classmates.

When a classmate answers 'Yes, I have', the student writes their name in the 'Name' column next to the item and asks follow-up questions to obtain more information.

Tell the students that they can only have the same name once. This is to encourage them to speak to as many different partners as possible.

When everyone has finished, ask students to give feedback to the rest of the class on what they found out by making present perfect statements. If there are any interesting findings, encourage the students to discuss them in more detail.

| Find someone who... | Name | More information |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| ...fly / in a hot air balloon | | |
| ...play / golf | | |
| ...go / to Southeast Asia | | |
| ...eat / sushi | | |
| ...ride / an elephant | | |
| ...see / a black and white film | | |
| ...win / a competition | | |
| ...meet / a famous person | | |
| ...read / a book in English | | |
| ...fall / in love | | |
| ...make / a snowman | | |
| ...buy / something very expensive | | |
| ...send / back food at a restaurant | | |
| ...bake / a cake | | |
| ...run / in a marathon | | |