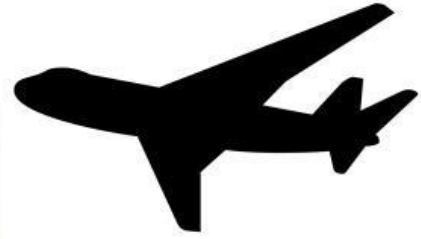




★ ALL STARS ★ THE MOST EXCITING THING I'VE EVER DONE!



The most exciting and scary thing I've ever done is fly in a small 4-seater plane. **I have a fear of** heights, so I was already a little afraid of flying. The pilot was the boyfriend of my best friend, Susan. It was a beautiful day, and we decided to go for a ride in this small propeller plane. **I had never been** in such a small plane before, **so I was nervous**.

Susan sat in the co-pilot's seat, and during the flight, her boyfriend, Jason, asked her if she wanted to fly the plane. While she was flying, Jason kept saying things like, "If you turn the wings a little more to the right, they will snap off," and "If you turn them to the left, we will crash." I was so scared! I didn't know if he was joking or if it was true. **I suffered from** serious panic attack and **I got scared of** all his comments.

Finally, after what felt like forever, Jason took control of the plane again. The flight itself was smooth with no bumps at all, but I was very happy to be back on solid ground.

Even though I was scared, it was still one of the most exciting experiences I've ever had. I haven't had the chance to fly in such a small plane again, but I would be glad to do so. My fear of heights hasn't gone away, but I now know **I can face it**.

Read the text and think of the following questions:

- "Have you ever flown in a small plane?"
- "Did you ever fly in a small plane when you were younger?"

How are these questions different?

Complete the definitions about Present Perfect and Past Simple.

WE USE: *to ask about a specific time in the past or within a certain timeframe, which is often implied in the conversation.*

WE USE: *to ask about experiences at any point in someone's life up to the present moment.*

In this text, present perfect and past simple are used for different purposes:

- **Present perfect** (e.g., "I've ever done," "I haven't had") is used to talk about experiences or situations that happened at some point in the past but are still relevant to the present. The speaker reflects on their life experiences up to now.
- **Past simple** (e.g., "I was nervous," "Jason asked her") is used to describe specific actions or events that happened at a particular time in the past, and these events are completed. The speaker is telling a story about what happened during the flight, focusing on a past moment.

Use the words in bold from the text to talk about past experiences using past simple and present perfect:

to have a fear of:

have never been in:

have never gone to:

I was nervous:

to suffer from:

to get scared of:

to face something: