



Grammar Talks 4-07 Present Perfect for Experiences

## How International are you?

Katie and Todd discuss experiences with people, food and cultures, movies and more.

**Todd:** OK, Katie.

**Katie:** Yeah.

**Todd:** Let's take an international test.

**Katie:** Oh, OK.

**Todd:** How international are you? *Let's find out.*

**Katie:** Let's find out.

**Todd:** First, have you \_\_\_\_\_ Greek food?

**Katie:** Greek food? Ah, \_\_\_\_\_, how do you say it, falafel.

**Todd:** Oh, is that Greek?

**Katie:** I think so. \_\_\_\_\_ that, but *apart from that*, \_\_\_\_\_ eaten Greek food. How about you?

**Todd:** Ah, I think I have. Like, I've \_\_\_\_\_ yogurt. *Does that count?*

**Katie:** That counts.

**Todd:** That counts?

**Katie:** That counts.

**Todd:** OK, \_\_\_\_\_ ever eaten Russian food?

**Katie:** What's Russian food?

**Todd:** I think, Russian food, is it borscht? Borscht is like a cabbage soup.

**Katie:** Hmm, I've \_\_\_\_\_ Russian food.

**Todd:** Yeah, maybe I haven't eaten Russian food either. OK, last one, have you ever eaten \_\_\_\_\_ food?

**Katie:** Ah, I see it written down. Is it pho?

**Todd:** Pho, the noodles?

**Katie:** Yeah, I've \_\_\_\_\_ before.

**Todd:** Yeah, I've been to Vietnam so I've eaten Vietnamese food a lot. And pho the noodles is really good.



Katie Todd



## Quiz

1) Has she eaten Greek food?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Did not say

2) Has she eaten Russian Food

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Did not say

3) Has she eaten Thai food?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Did not say

4) Who has studied Thai?

- a) He has
- b) She has
- c) Neither of them

5) What language have they both studied?

- a) French
- b) German
- c) Spanish

## Grammar Challenge

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

|              |             |            |             |
|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| ever studied | ever eaten  | eaten pho  | I studied   |
| I've had     | had that    | I've eaten | I've never  |
| Vietnamese   | eaten Greek | have you   | never eaten |

## Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) Have you ever eaten Mexican food?
- 2) Have you ever studied Italian?
- 3) Have you met an Australian person?
- 4) Have you ever seen a Japanese movie?
- 5) Have you been to Brazil?

- ( ) Yes, I have seen a few Godzilla movies.
- ( ) Yes, my friend is from Sydney.
- ( ) No, I haven't, but I really want to go there.
- ( ) Yes, I eat tacos all the time.
- ( ) Si, I took a class in college.

**What about you?** Share your answers to the questions.

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**Katie:** Yeah, it's delicious.

**Todd:** I've \_\_\_\_\_ too.

**Katie:** OK, now let's talk about languages.

**Todd:** Oh, OK. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ French?

**Katie:** I have. I \_\_\_\_\_ French for five years.

**Todd:** Oh, can you still speak French?

**Katie:** *Nope. Not at all.*

**Todd:** Yeah, me too. I once studied French years ago, but I haven't spoken French in so long I can't remember anything.

**Katie:** I can't remember anything either.

**Todd:** Have you ever studied an Asian Language?

**Katie:** I've studied Japanese. I can still speak it a little bit now, and I studied a little bit of Korean, but I don't speak Korean.

**Todd:** Oh, really. OK. Wow, like I've studied Thai because I lived in Thailand for five years, and like you I've studied Japanese, but my Japanese is terrible.

**Katie:** How about your Thai?

**Todd:** My Thai is OK. It's OK. I can talk a little bit. OK, so have you ever met a Spanish person?

**Katie:** A Spanish person?  
Actually, I don't think I have.

**Todd:** Really?

**Katie:** I don't think I have met a Spanish person.

**Todd:** Oh, interesting. I've been to Spain so, I've met *a few* and we have a Spanish teacher at our school.

**Katie:** Oh, maybe I have met a Spanish person then. Maybe, I've met a secret Spanish person.

**Todd:** OK, have you met a Chinese person?

**Katie:** Oh, yes, I've meet lots of Chinese people.

**Todd:** OK, and have you met a Brazilian person?

**Katie:** I feel like if I say no, then I have. Probably. Probably, I've met a Brazilian person.

**Todd:** Yeah, I've met a few people from Brazil, so they're always very nice. Very friendly people.

**Todd:** OK, we'll talk about movies.

**Katie:** OK.

**Todd:** Have you ever seen a German movie?

**Katie:** I haven't seen a German movie. I haven't seen very many movies.

**Todd:** Oh, OK.

**Katie:** Even English movies, I haven't seen very many.

**Todd:** Well, have you seen a Canadian movie?

**Katie:** Uh, I don't know. Have I?

**Todd:** Well, *the thing is*, in Hollywood in America, all the famous actors are Canadian, so I think everybody's seen a Canadian movie.

**Katie:** I've definitely seen a Canadian actor.

**Todd:** Yeah, all actors in America are Canadian *it seems like*.



## Grammar

### Present Perfect

**Point 1:** Use the present perfect to talk about experiences.

- **Where have you worked?**
- I've worked for many companies.
- I haven't worked for him.
- **Have you been to Europe?**
- Yes, I have been to Spain.
- No, I haven't had the time or money.

**Point 2:** Use the particle 'yet' in questions to ask if an action occurred.

- **Have you seen the movie yet?**
- Yes, I have seen it.
- No, I have not seen it yet.
- **Have you finished yet?**
- Yes, I am done.
- Not yet.

**Point 3:** Use 'already' in affirmative statements. It can go before or after the verb. Also, the answer can use the past tense.

- **Have you eaten yet?**
- Yes, I've eaten already.
- Yes, I've already eaten.
- **Have you called her?**
- Yes, I called her already.
- Yes, I already called her.

### Point 4: Contractions

- I have eaten. = I've eaten.
- I have not eaten. = I haven't eaten yet.

- You have won. = You've won.
- You have not won yet. = You haven't won yet.

- She has left. = She's left.
- She has not left yet. = She hasn't left yet.

- He has finished. = He's finished.
- He has not finished yet. = He hasn't finished yet.

- It has stopped. = It's stopped.
- It has not stopped yet. = It hasn't stopped yet.

- They have quit. = They've quit.
- They have not quit yet. = They haven't quit yet.

- We have won. = We've won.
- We have not won yet. = We haven't won yet.

**Katie:** I think so.

**Todd:** OK, have you ever bought something from Italy?

**Katie:** From Italy, I have. I have bought - not for me - but I bought my mother a bag from Italy one time.

**Todd:** OK, what was the brand?

**Katie:** *I have no idea*. She asked me to buy a brand and I bought it, but I don't know which one it was.

**Todd:** OK, have you bought something from Japan?

**Katie:** I've bought lots of things from Japan. I've lived in Japan for a few years, so I've bought all kinds of things from Japan.

**Todd:** OK, and now we'll *move on* to countries.

**Katie:** OK.

**Todd:** Have you ever been to France?

**Katie:** I have. Actually, I have been to France a couple of times. My high school has a house in France, so for our school trips we would go to France every year.

**Todd:** Ooh, how nice.

**Katie:** Yeah, how about you? Have you been to France?

**Todd:** You know, I haven't really. I took a bus from England to Prague, so the bus drove through France, but it never stopped.

**Katie:** I see.

**Todd:** What other countries have you been to?

**Katie:** I've been to Germany, I've been to Hong Kong, I've been to South Korea, and I've been to China.

**Todd:** Wow, you've been to a lot of places.

**Katie:** Yeah. How about you? What countries have you been to?

**Todd:** Ah, I've been to countries in Europe. I've been to Israel. I've been to Cambodia, and Laos. I worked in Thailand, and I've been to Taiwan and Korea.

**Katie:** Wow. Which country did you like the best?

**Todd:** *Oh boy!* That's impossible. I will say this, I love ... I love Seoul. I love Seoul, Korea. It's a great city. OK, *anyway*, thanks Katie.

**Katie:** Thank you.