5 Present perfect with *ever / never*



Language focus

Use the **present perfect** to talk about things that happened in the past without having to be clear about when the action happened.

*My sister **has lived** in Italy* not ~~*My sister has lived in Italy three years ago.*~~

Form the present perfect with **has** / **have** + **past participle**. In informal spoken and written English, the contracted form is usually used.

Full form	Contracted form
*He **has read** lots of books about London.*	*He**'s read** lots of books about London.*

Use the **present perfect** with **ever** / **never** to talk about things that you have or haven't done. **Ever** means 'at any time in your life up to now'. Questions beginning with **Have you ever** are a common way of asking someone about the experiences they have had.

***Have you ever** met a famous person?* *Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.*

Never means 'not ever' or 'at no time in your life up to now'. Use the word with an affirmative rather than a negative verb.

*I have **never** met a famous person* not ~~*I haven't never met a famous person.*~~

1 **Complete the sentences with *ever* or *never*.**

1 My brother has ___never___ played the piano.
2 Have you _____ written a story?
3 You've _____ been to London? Really? I'm very surprised.
4 I've _____ been to Moscow, but I'd like to go there one day.
5 I've watched the Star Wars films many times, but my brother has _____ seen them.
6 Have you _____ tried Japanese food?

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2 Write the past participles.

1 make made
2 see _____
3 swim _____
4 do _____
5 eat _____
6 ride _____
7 win _____
8 cook _____
9 build _____
10 buy _____

3 Complete the questions with the verbs from Activity 2.

1 Have you ever made a pancake?
2 Have any of your friends ever _____ a competition?
3 Have you ever _____ a tree house?
4 Has your sister ever _____ Polish food?
5 Have you ever _____ in the Pacific Ocean?
6 Have you ever _____ a horse?
7 Have you ever _____ a crossword puzzle?
8 Has your brother ever _____ a meal for the whole family?
9 Have you ever _____ a computer?
10 Have your parents ever _____ a film in English?



4 Match the questions from Activity 3 with answers a–j.

a No, I haven't. They're too expensive. ____
b Yes, he has. Many times. He's the chef of the family. ____
c Yes, I have. My brother and I built one with my dad when we were young. ____
d I'm not sure. I'll have to ask them when I see them at school. ____
e No, I haven't, but my mother has. She loves doing them. ____
f Yes, they have. They love watching films in other languages. ____
g No, I haven't. I think I'd fall off. ____
h Yes, I have. Once, two summers ago. It was very warm. ____
i Yes, she has. She lives in Warsaw! ____
j Yes, I have. They are my favourite things to make! 1

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