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# Present perfect with ever / never



Has anyone in the class  
ever been to London?

## 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

He **has read** lots of books about London.

### Contracted form

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?

**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!

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