

# 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

*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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