

Present perfect with past simple detail



Language focus

Use the **present perfect** to talk about experiences. Begin a conversation about someone's experiences by asking them a present perfect question with **ever**.

Have you ever tried snowboarding?

Answer these kinds of questions with **Yes, I have** or **No, I haven't**. To tell someone more about an experience, use the **past simple**.

Yes, I have! I tried it once, a long time ago, when I was on holiday in Canada.

Further questions can then be asked using the past simple.

Did you like it?

No, I didn't. I wasn't very good at it.

Where did you stay in Canada?

In Banff, in the Rocky Mountains.

We really liked it there.

1 Complete the table.

Infinitive	Past simple	Past participle
drive	drove	driven
find		found
sing		
sleep	slept	
	broke	
drink		drunk

2 Complete the dialogues with the verbs from Activity 1.

1 Have you ever sung a song in front of an audience?

Yes, I have. Last month, I sang songs from *Les Misérables* to 300 people at my school.

2 Have you ever had tomato juice?

Yes, I have. I had some at my grandmother's birthday party without knowing what it was. It was horrible!

3 Have you ever been outside?

Yes, I have. My sister and I were in a tent last summer when it was really hot.

4 Have you ever driven across the USA in a Cadillac?

Yes, I have. My mum drove my brother and me from Los Angeles to New York two years ago.

5 Have you ever lost something valuable?

No, I haven't, but my friend lost a gold watch on the street outside my house a few weeks ago.

6 Have you ever broken your leg?

No, I haven't, but I broke my left arm when I was six years old.

3 Complete the questions with *has / have* and the verbs from the box.

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1 Have you ever seen a play?

2 Has your brother ever been to Guatemala?

3 Has your mum ever watched on TV?

4 Has your sister ever been in another country?

5 Has you ever uploaded a video to the Internet?

6 Has your dad ever read a book in French?

4 Match the questions from Activity 3 with answers a-f.

a Yes, he has. He read *Le Petit Prince*.

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b Yes, I have. Last year we saw a brilliant one about medieval London.

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c Yes, I have. Yesterday afternoon – it was my guide to learning the guitar.

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d No, she hasn't, but she would like to live in Australia.

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e No, she hasn't, but Dad was on the news once.

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f Yes, he has. He lived in Mexico for five years and then he travelled all around the Americas.

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