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

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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 _____ songs from *Les Misérables* to 300 people at my school.

2 Have you ever _____ tomato juice?
Yes, I have. I _____ some at my grandmother's birthday party without knowing what it was. It was horrible!

3 Have you ever _____ outside?
Yes, I have. My sister and I _____ in a tent last summer when it was really hot.

4 Have you ever _____ across the USA in a Cadillac?
Yes, I have. My mum _____ my brother and me from Los Angeles to New York two years ago.

5 Have you ever _____ something valuable?
No, I haven't, but my friend _____ a gold watch on the street outside my house a few weeks ago.

6 Have your ever _____ your leg?
No, I haven't, but I _____ 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 _____ your brother ever _____ to Guatemala?
3 _____ your mum ever _____ on TV?
4 _____ your sister ever _____ in another country?
5 _____ you ever _____ a video to the Internet?
6 _____ your dad ever _____ a book in French?

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

a Yes, he has. He read *Le Petit Prince.* ____
b Yes, I have. Last year we saw a brilliant one about medieval London. 1
c Yes, I have. Yesterday afternoon – it was my guide to learning the guitar. ____
d No, she hasn't, but she would like to live in Australia. ____
e No, she hasn't, but Dad was on the news once. ____
f Yes, he has. He lived in Mexico for five years and then he travelled all around the Americas. ____

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