

Present perfect with past simple detail

Your mum's a great runner. Has she **ever** run a marathon?

Yes, she has. She did the Berlin Marathon last year in three hours and 42 minutes!

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 _____ 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.
- 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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