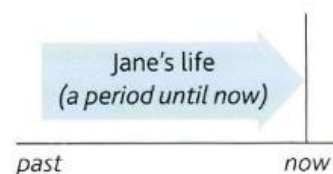


Present perfect 2 (I have done)

A

Study this example conversation:

- DAVE: **Have** you **travelled** a lot, Jane?
 JANE: Yes, I **'ve been** to lots of places.
 DAVE: Really? **Have** you ever **been** to China?
 JANE: Yes, I **'ve been** to China twice.
 DAVE: What about India?
 JANE: No, I **haven't been** to India.



When we talk about a period of time that continues from the past until now, we use the *present perfect* (**have been** / **have travelled** etc.). Here, Dave and Jane are talking about the places Jane has visited in her life, which is a period that continues until now.

Some more examples:

- ☐ **Have** you ever **eaten** caviar?
- ☐ We **'ve never had** a car.
- ☐ **'Have** you **read Hamlet**?' 'No, I **haven't read** any of Shakespeare's plays.'
- ☐ Susan really loves that film. She **'s seen** it eight times!
- ☐ What a boring film! It's the most boring film I **'ve ever seen**.

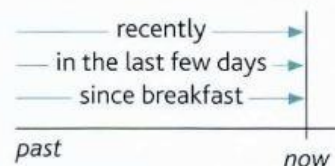
Been (to) = visited:

- ☐ I **'ve never been to** China. Have you **been** there?

B

In the following examples too, the speakers are talking about a period that continues until now (**recently** / **in the last few days** / **so far** / **since breakfast** etc.):

- ☐ **Have** you **heard** anything from Brian **recently**?
- ☐ I **'ve met** a lot of people **in the last few days**.
- ☐ Everything is going well. We **haven't had** any problems **so far**.
- ☐ I'm hungry. I **haven't eaten** anything **since breakfast**. (= from breakfast until now)
- ☐ It's good to see you again. We **haven't seen** each other **for a long time**.



C

In the same way we use the present perfect with **today** / **this evening** / **this year** etc. when these periods are not finished at the time of speaking (see also Unit 14B):

- ☐ I **'ve drunk** four cups of coffee **today**.
- ☐ **Have** you **had** a holiday **this year**?
- ☐ I **haven't seen** Tom **this morning**. Have you?
- ☐ Rob **hasn't worked** very hard **this term**.



D

We say: It's the (first) time something **has happened**. For example:

- ☐ Don is having a driving lesson. It's his first one.
It's the first time he **has driven** a car. (*not drives*)
or He **has never driven** a car **before**.
- ☐ Sarah has lost her passport again. This is the second time this **has happened**. (*not happens*)
- ☐ Bill is phoning his girlfriend again. That's the third time he's **phoned** her **this evening**.



Exercises

8.1 You ask people about things they have done. Write questions with **ever**.

- 1 (ride / horse?) Have you ever ridden a horse?
- 2 (be / California?) Have
- 3 (run / marathon?) _____
- 4 (speak / famous person?) _____
- 5 (most beautiful place / visit?) What's

8.2 Complete B's answers. Some sentences are positive and some negative. Use these verbs:

be be eat happen have have meet play read see try

A 1 What's Mark's sister like? 2 Is everything going well? 3 Are you hungry? 4 Can you play chess? 5 Are you enjoying your holiday? 6 What's that book like? 7 Is Brussels an interesting place? 8 I hear your car broke down again yesterday. 9 Do you like caviar? 10 Mike was late for work again today. 11 Who's that woman by the door?	B 1 I've no idea. <u>I've never met</u> her. 2 Yes, we <u>haven't had</u> any problems so far. 3 Yes. I _____ much today. 4 Yes, but _____ for ages. 5 Yes, it's the best holiday _____ for a long time. 6 I don't know. _____ it. 7 I've no idea. _____ there. 8 Yes, it's the second time _____ this month. 9 I don't know. _____ it. 10 Again? He _____ late every day this week. 11 I don't know. _____ her before.
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8.3 Write four sentences about yourself. Use **I haven't** and choose from the boxes.

used a computer travelled by bus eaten any fruit
been to the cinema read a book lost anything

- 1 I haven't used a computer today.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

today
this week
recently
for ages
since ...
this year

8.4 Read the situations and write sentences as shown in the example.

- 1 Jack is driving a car, but he's very nervous and not sure what to do.
You ask: Have you driven a car before?
He says: No, this is the first time I've driven a car.
- 2 Ben is playing tennis. He's not good at it and he doesn't know the rules.
You ask: Have
He says: No, this is the first
- 3 Sue is riding a horse. She doesn't look very confident or comfortable.
You ask: _____
She says: _____
- 4 Maria is in Japan. She has just arrived and it's very new for her.
You ask: _____
She says: _____