

PRESENT PERFECT: EXPERIENCES

A2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Ask and talk about experiences in your life.

1. READ: Trying something new

Read the conversation. Notice the bold present perfect forms.

Eva: Have you **ever tried** kayaking, Sam?

Sam: No, I **haven't**. Why?

Eva: There's a beginners' course at the lake. I've **done** it once. It was fun.

Sam: I'd like to try. I've **never used** a kayak, though.

Eva: That's fine. My brother **hasn't tried** it either. We can all go together.

Sam: Okay. What do we need to bring?

2. GRAMMAR: Experiences up to now

Use have / has + past participle for life experiences when you do not say exactly when they happened.

Form	Pattern	Example
Positive	have / has + past participle	I've visited Rome.
Negative	haven't / hasn't + participle	She hasn't tried skiing.
Question	Have / Has + subject + participle?	Have you ever camped?

Ever: Have you ever camped? **Never:** I've never camped.

Participles: **be - been; go - gone; see - seen; eat - eaten; do - done.**

Short answers: Yes, I have. / No, I haven't. Yes, she has. / No, she hasn't.

Use past simple with a finished time: I **visited Rome last year.**

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct form. The example answer is bold: Have you ever **seen** / saw snow?

1. I have / has visited Paris.
2. She have / has tried sushi.
3. Have you ever eat / eaten olives?
4. We haven't / hasn't been to Spain.
5. Has / Have Ben ever ridden a horse?
6. I have never / haven't never camped.
7. I have seen / saw that film yesterday.
8. Yes, I have / did. (Have you tried it?)

Read each answer aloud. Check the subject, the noun or the clue.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: A first camping trip

Use the present perfect form of the verb. Use contractions in statements and negatives.

Nina: (1) _____ (you / ever / sleep) in a tent, Leo?

Leo: No. (2) _____ (I / never / go) camping. What about you?

Nina: (3) _____ (I / camp) a few times. My sister usually comes too.

Leo: (4) _____ (she / ever / cook) outdoors?

Nina: Yes, she has. (5) _____ (we / make) soup on a camping stove.

Leo: That sounds good. (6) _____ (I / not / use) one before. Can you show me?

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Make experience questions with ever.

Example: you / try / skiing **Have you ever tried skiing?**

1. you / see / a dolphin

2. Ben / visit / London

3-4: Correct the mistake. Example: She have been to Rome. **She has been to Rome.**

3. I have never ate sushi.

4. She has visited Paris last year.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three true experience sentences. Use never in one sentence. Do not give a finished time.

Example: **I've visited London. I've tried sushi. I've never ridden a horse.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

1. Ask three questions with **Have you ever ...?** Choose food, travel or activities.

2. When the answer is yes, ask: **When did you do it? Who did you go with?**

Use the past simple to ask for details of a particular experience.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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Eva: That's fine. My brother **hasn't tried** it either. We can all go together.

A. CHOOSE

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| 1. have | 2. has |
| 3. eaten | 4. haven't |
| 5. Has | 6. have never |
| 7. saw | 8. have |

B. COMPLETE: A first camping trip

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Have you ever slept | 2. I've never gone |
| 3. I've camped | 4. Has she ever cooked |
| 5. We've made | 6. I haven't used |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. Have you ever seen a dolphin?
2. Has Ben ever visited London?
3. I have never eaten sushi.
4. She visited Paris last year.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: I've visited London. I've tried sushi. I've never ridden a horse.

Teacher note: B asks for contractions in statements and negatives. Gone camping is an activity phrase; been to a place describes a visit. Accept full forms in D/E. Never already has negative meaning; don't add another negative.