

PRESENT PERFECT & PAST SIMPLE

B1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Practice | 20-30 minutes

Move from life experiences to details of a finished past event.

1. GET STARTED

Take turns asking and answering. Give details and ask a follow-up. You can invent personal details.

A: Have you ever tried kayaking?

B: Yes. I **went** on a lake last summer, but I **fell** in twice.

A: Really? **Did you go** back afterwards?

2. EXPERIENCES AND DETAILS

1. **Have you ever learned** a skill outside school? When **did you start**?
2. **Have you tried** a new kind of food recently? What **did you think** of it?
3. **Have you ever travelled** alone? Where **did you go**?
4. **Have you watched** anything good lately? When **did you watch** it?
5. **Have you ever won** something? What **was** the prize?
6. **Have you met** anyone interesting recently? How **did you meet**?

Keep talking: When was that? / Who did you go with? / Would you do it again?

3. RECENT CHANGES

Begin with what has happened. Then give a finished past time and more details.

7. What **have you done** recently that you feel pleased about?
8. **Have you changed** any plans this week? Why **did you change** them?
9. **Have you bought** anything useful lately? Where **did you buy** it?
10. What **have you learned** this year? How **did you get** interested in it?

4. FIND AN UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE

Find an experience your partner has had but you haven't. Ask three past-detail questions.

Tell another pair about it, moving from the experience to the finished event.

Example: Leo **has ridden** a horse. He **tried** it on holiday last year.

If you share all your experiences, invent an unusual one together.

Answer help: I've ... / I haven't ... yet. / I did it last ... / It happened in ...

Remember: Use past simple with a finished time: yesterday, last year, in 2020.