

Have you . . . ?



have been / have played / have driven, etc., is the *present perfect* (**have** + *past participle*):

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| I we you they | have ('ve) have not (haven't) | played lived visited read lost been driven | have | I we you they | played? lived? visited? read? lost? been? driven? |
| he she it | has ('s) has not (hasn't) | has had been driven | has | he she it | has had been driven? |

↑
past participle

Regular verbs

The *past participle* is **-ed** (the same as the *simple past*):

play → I have **played** live → I have **lived** visit → she has **visited**

Irregular verbs

The *past participle* is not **-ed**.

Sometimes the *past participle* is the same as the *simple past*:

buy → I **bought** / I have **bought** have → he **had** / he has **had**

Sometimes the *simple past* and the *past participle* are different (see Appendixes 2–3):

break → I **broke** / I have **broken** see → you **saw** / you have **seen**

We use the *present perfect* when we talk about a time from the past until now – for example, a person's life:

Have you (ever) been to Japan?

time from the past until now

past

now

- Have** you been to France?" "No, I **haven't**."
- We've been** to Canada, but we **haven't been** to Alaska.
- Mary is an interesting person. She **has had** many different jobs and **has lived** in many different places.
- I've **seen** that woman before, but I can't remember where.
- How many times **has** Brazil **won** the World Cup?
- "Have you **read** this book?" "Yes, I've **read** it twice." (**twice** = two times)

We use the *present perfect* + **ever** (in questions) and **never**:

- "Has Michelle **ever been** to Australia?" "Yes, once." (**once** = one time)
- "Have you **ever played** golf?" "Yes, I play a lot."
- My sister **has never traveled** by plane.
- I've **never ridden** a horse.
- "Who is that man?" "I don't know. I've **never seen** him before."

Exercises

16.1 You are asking Lauren questions beginning with **Have you ever ...?** Write the questions.

LAUREN

- 1 (be / Montreal?)
- 2 (play / golf?)
- 3 (be / South Korea?)
- 4 (lose / your passport?)
- 5 (fly / in a helicopter?)
- 6 (win / a race?)
- 7 (be / Peru?)
- 8 (drive / a bus?)
- 9 (break / your leg?)

Have you ever been to Montreal?

Have you ever played golf?

Have

- No, never.
Yes, many times.
Yes, once.
No, never.
Yes, a few times.
No, never.
Yes, twice.
No, never.
Yes, once.

16.2 Write sentences about Lauren. (Look at her answers in Exercise 16.1.)

- 1 (be / Peru) *She's been to Peru twice.*
- 2 (be / South Korea) *She*
- 3 (win / a race)
- 4 (fly / in a helicopter)

Now write about yourself. How often have you done these things?

- 5 (be / New York) *I*
- 6 (play / tennis)
- 7 (drive / a truck)
- 8 (be / late for work or school)

16.3 Mary is 65 years old. She has had an interesting life. What has she done?



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| have | be |
| do | write |
| travel | meet |

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| all over the world |
| many different jobs |
| 10 books |

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| a lot of interesting things |
| a lot of interesting people |
| married three times |

- 1 *She has had many different jobs.*
- 2 *She*
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

16.4 Complete the sentences. Use the *present perfect*.

- 1 *I've seen* (I / see) that woman before, but I can't remember her name.
- 2 " *Have you ever played* (you / ever / play) golf?" "Yes, I play golf a lot."
- 3 " (you / ever / write) a poem?" "Yes, in high school."
- 4 "Does Emma know Sam?" "No, (she / never / meet) him."
- 5 Amanda and Josh have lots of books, and (they / read) all of them.
- 6 (I / never / be) to Australia, but (my brother / be) there twice.
- 7 Danielle's favorite movie is *Only Tomorrow*. (she / see) it five times, but (I / never / see) it.
- 8 (I / travel) by plane, bus, and train. Someday, I want to take a trip by boat.