

# Have you ever . . . ?

**A**



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

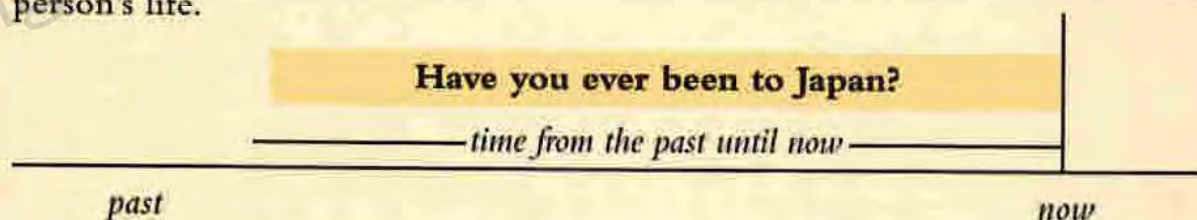
I	<b>have</b> ('ve) <b>have not</b> (haven't)	<b>played</b>	<b>have</b>	I	<b>played?</b> <b>lived?</b> <b>visited?</b> <b>read?</b>	} <i>regular verbs</i>
we		<b>lived</b>		we		
you		<b>visited</b>		you		
they		<b>read</b>	they		} <i>irregular verbs</i>	
he	<b>has</b> ('s) <b>has not</b> (hasn't)	<b>lost</b>	he	<b>lost?</b>		
she		<b>been</b>	she	<b>been?</b>		
it		<b>flown</b>	it	<b>flown?</b>		

*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 past participle is different (see Appendixes 2–3).  
 break → I **broke** / I have **broken**    see → you **saw** / you have **seen**

**B**

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



- "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 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)

**C**

*Present perfect* + **ever** (in questions) and **never**:

- "Has Ann **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."

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



Helen

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

*Have you ever been to Montreal?*

*Have you ever played golf?*

Have \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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 Helen. (Look at her answers in Exercise 16.1.)

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

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

5. (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?



Mary

<del>have</del>	be	all over the world	a lot of interesting things
do	write	<del>many different jobs</del>	a lot of interesting people
travel	meet	10 books	married three times

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

**16.4** Put the verbs in 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. Ann and Eli have lots of books, and \_\_\_\_\_ (they / read) all of them.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (I / never / be) to Australia, but \_\_\_\_\_ (my brother / be) there twice.
7. Joy's favorite movie is *Howard and Belinda*. \_\_\_\_\_ (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.