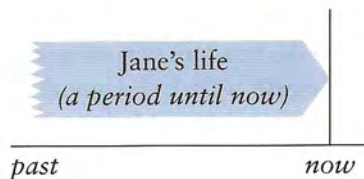


# Present perfect 2 (I have done)

**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:

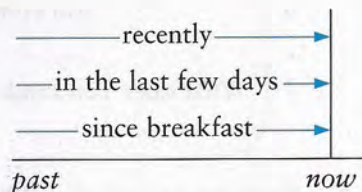
- Have you ever eaten caviar? (in your life)
- We've never had a car.
- 'Have you read *Hamlet*?' 'No, I haven't read any of Shakespeare's plays.'
- Susan really loves that film. She's seen it eight times!
- What a boring film! It's the most boring film I've ever seen.

Been (to) = visited:

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

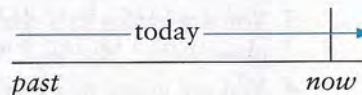
In the following examples too, the speakers are talking about a period that continues until now (recently / in the last few days / so far / since breakfast etc.):

- Have you heard 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.



**B** 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 (yet)?
- I haven't seen Tom this morning. Have you?
- Rob hasn't studied very hard this term.



**C** 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.



Present perfect 1 → Unit 7 Present perfect + for/since → Units 11-12  
 Present perfect and past → Units 12-14

8.1 You are asking people questions about things they have done. Make questions with **ever** using the words in brackets.

- 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 the following verbs:

be be eat happen have ~~meet~~ play read see see try

A	B
1 What's Mark's sister like?	I've no idea. <i>I've never met</i> her.
2 How is Diane these days?	I don't know. I ..... her recently.
3 Are you hungry?	Yes. I ..... much today.
4 Can you play chess?	Yes, but ..... for ages.
5 Are you enjoying your holiday?	Yes, it's the best holiday ..... for a long time.
6 What's that book like?	I don't know. .... it.
7 Is Brussels an interesting place?	I've no idea. .... there.
8 Mike was late for work again today.	Again? He ..... late every day this week.
9 Do you like caviar?	I don't know. .... it.
10 I hear your car broke down again yesterday.	Yes, it's the second time ..... this week.
11 Who's that woman by the door?	I don't know. .... her before.

8.3 Complete the sentences using **today / this year / this term** etc.

- 1 I saw Tom yesterday, but *I haven't seen him today* .....
- 3 I read a newspaper yesterday, but I ..... today.
- 4 Last year the company made a profit, but this year .....
- 4 Tracy worked hard at school last term, but .....
- 5 It snowed a lot last winter, but .....
- 6 Our football team won a lot of games last season, but we .....

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 .....
- 3 Sue is riding a horse. She doesn't look very confident or comfortable.  
You ask: .....
- 4 Maria is in London. She has just arrived and it's very new for her.  
You ask: .....