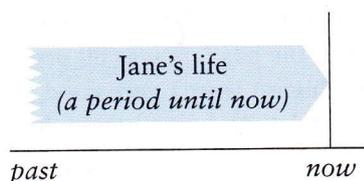


Present perfect 2 (I have done)

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:

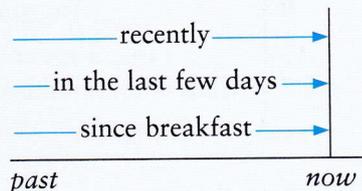
- Have you ever eaten caviar? (in your life)
- We've never had a car.
- 'Have you read *Hamlet*?' 'No, I haven't read any of Shakespeare's plays.'
- Susan really loves that film. She's seen it eight times!
- What a boring film! It's the most boring film I've ever seen.

Been (to) = visited:

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

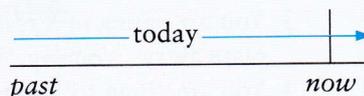
In the following examples too, the speakers are talking about a period that continues until now (recently / in the last few days / so far / since breakfast etc.):

- 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

Exercises

Unit 8

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 What's Mark's sister like? 2 How is Diane these days? 3 Are you hungry? 4 Can you play chess? 5 Are you enjoying your holiday? 6 What's that book like? 7 Is Brussels an interesting place? 8 Mike was late for work again today. 9 Do you like caviar? 10 I hear your car broke down again yesterday. 11 Who's that woman by the door? 	B	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 I've no idea. <i>I've never met</i> her. 2 I don't know. I her recently. 3 Yes. I much today. 4 Yes, but for ages. 5 Yes, it's the best holiday for a long time. 6 I don't know. it. 7 I've no idea. there. 8 Again? He late every day this week. 9 I don't know. it. 10 Yes, it's the second time this week. 11 I don't know. her before.
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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:
She says:
- 4 Maria is in London. She has just arrived and it's very new for her.
You ask:
She says: