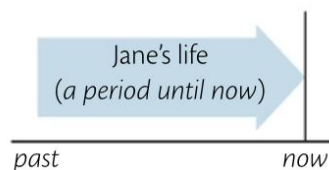


Unit 8

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:

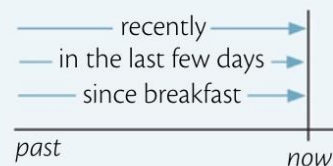
- Have** you ever **eaten** caviar?
- We've never **had** a car.
- '**Have** you **read** *Hamlet*?' 'No, I **haven't read** any of Shakespeare's plays.'
- Susan really loves that film. She's **seen** it eight times!
- What a boring film! It's the most boring film I've **ever seen**.

Been (to) = visited:

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

B 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** anything 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**.



C In the same way 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**?
- I **haven't seen** Tom **this morning**. **Have** you?
- Rob **hasn't worked** very hard **this term**.



D 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**.



Exercises

8.1

You ask people about things they have done. Write questions with ever.

- 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 these verbs:

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

A	B
1 What's Mark's sister like?	I've no idea. <u>I've never met</u> her.
2 Is everything going well?	Yes, we <u>haven't had</u> any problems so far.
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 I hear your car broke down again yesterday.	Yes, it's the second time this month.
9 Do you like caviar?	I don't know. it.
10 Mike was late for work again today.	Again? He late every day this week.
11 Who's that woman by the door?	I don't know. her before.

8.3

Write four sentences about yourself. Use **I haven't** and choose from the boxes.

used a computer travelled by bus eaten any fruit
been to the cinema read a book lost anything

- 1 I haven't used a computer today.
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

today
this week
recently
for ages
since ...
this year

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 Japan. She has just arrived and it's very new for her.
You ask: