

Now look at the same examples with more specific time expressions. Note how we have to use the past simple in these sentences.

I lost my watch last Wednesday at the swimming pool.

She saw that film with Terry before Christmas.

President Bush had a meeting with his cabinet yesterday late in the evening and told them he was interested in working towards tax cuts.

Using the present perfect in this way is often used to talk about one's experiences of life. Have you ever...? is a common question.

A: Have you ever visited Russia?

B: No, I haven't. I would like to one day.

A: Have you ever been to New York?

B: Yes, I have. I went in 1993.

Note how, in the second dialogue, the person responding uses the past simple to say when he went to New York.

In your notebook



Answer the following questions in your notebook, then ask 5 questions to a friend and report it. Example: Camilo says that he has ridden a horse twice.

Questions:

- Have you ever ridden a horse? Yes, I have ever ridden a horse
- Have you ever eaten frogs' legs? No, I haven't eaten frogs' legs
- Have you ever seen a ghost? No, I haven't seen a ghost
- Have you ever been in Disneyland? No, I haven't been in Disneyland
- Have you ever drunk goat's milk? No, I haven't drunk goat's milk
- Have you ever eaten oatmeal for breakfast? Yes, I have eaten oatmeal for breakfast
- Have you ever dreamt you could fly? No, I haven't dreamt you could fly
- Have you ever done a presentation in English? Yes, I have done presentation in English
- Have you ever made a sandcastle? Yes, I have made a sandcastle
- Have you ever been in an accident? No, I haven't been in an accident

2 Create your own conversation cards. Follow teacher's instructions.

Look at these two sentences, what is the difference?

Bill Clinton was the President from 1992 to 2000.

George Bush has been the President since 2000.

Who is the President now? Bill Clinton was the President in the past. Now his time in the White House is finished, over - so we use the past simple. George Bush is still the president. His time at the White House started in the past but it continues now - so we use the present perfect.

The Present Perfect in this way, joins the past and the present and speaks about both.

The present perfect used in this way means "unfinished past".

Examples:

I have lived in this house for 18 years. I love it!

He has worked for this company since 1987 and is now department manager.

In both these examples, the action started in the past but continues still today. If the action started and finished in the past, we must use the past simple:

I lived in that house for ten years but then I bought a new house in the country.
He worked for IBM for six years, then went to work for Microsoft.

3 Write sentences in present perfect. Take into account time expressions:

Ride ✓	see ✓	forget ✓	walk ✓
Steal ✓	eat ✓	try ✓	put
Cook ✓	forgive ✓	watch ✓	live

- 1 She hasn't ridden a motorcycle
- 2 Patricia has stolen a cell phone to the woman
- 3 I have cooked an egg with ric
- 4 He hasn't seen his car
- 5 I have forgiven a my friend
- 6 I haven't the forgotten homework
- 7 Sofia has tried to the play. soccer
- 8 I have watched to the House
- 9 He has walked to the school
- 10 She has put to the cell phone in the table
- 11 I have ~~to~~ my dog lived
- 12 I have eaten for eggs

Encuesta a mi mamá

Questions

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English

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How many years has he had this car? (have)

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She has ridden a motorcycle.

Patricio has stolen a cell phone to the woman.

Patricio hasn't stolen a cell phone to the woman.

I have cooked an egg with rice.

I haven't cooked an egg with rice.

He hasn't seen his car.

He has seen his car.

I have forgiven a my friend.

I haven't forgiven a my friend.

I haven't forgotten Homework.

I have forgotten Homework.

Sofia has tried to the play soccer.

Sofia hasn't tried to the play soccer.

I have watched to the house.

I haven't watched to the house.

He has walked to the school

He hasn't walked to the school

She has put the cell phone in the table

She hasn't put the cell phone in the table

I have to my dog lived

I haven't to my dog lived

I have eaten for eggs

I haven't eaten for eggs