

Lesson: G109

The Present Perfect for experiences

Aim: To enable you to use the present perfect to talk about experiences

A. Introduction

This is a picture of your teacher now:

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Ask your teacher some questions about his or her experiences using the following prompts:

Have you ever....

- (ride) a horse or motorbike?
- (climb) to the top of a mountain?
- (spend) over £1000 in one day?
- (stay) in a 5 star hotel?
- (meet) anyone famous?
- (go) skiing?
- (win) a prize or competition?
- (eat) snails?
- (spend) a whole day without speaking to anyone?
- (go) to Asia?

B. Controlled practice 1

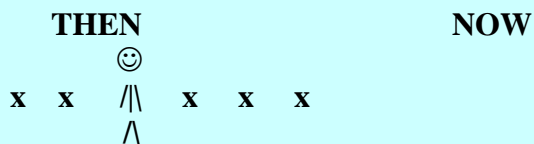
Now where your teacher has said 'yes' to any of the above questions, ask him or her a little more specific detail about when or where this actually happened. You will now be talking about your teacher at a specific point in the past and so you will need to use the simple past to ask these questions:

When/where did you...?

What happened exactly...?

Did you...?

This is a picture of your teacher in the past:



C. Controlled practice 2

Your teacher will now ask you some questions about your experiences. They will also ask you about the details.

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| 1. Have you ever lost your house or car keys? | How did you get back into the house or car? |
| 2. Have you ever eaten squid/snails/octopus? | Did you like it? |
| 3. Have you ever been to Italy/Spain/US? | When did you go there? |
| 4. Have you ever ridden a horse/motorbike/bicycle? | Where were you at the time? |
| 5. Have you ever been to a rugby/football match/
pop/classical concert? | Who did you see? |
| 6. Have you ever kissed an Englishman/woman? | When did it happen? |

D. Free Practice

Now ask your teacher some questions AGAIN. Remember to ask about the details with the past simple as in B above.

Use some of these verbs:

drive meet cook buy make drink
write live visit break go win
find sing travel feel send watch

E. Homework

Write 6 sentences about things that you have never done: Examples:

* I've never been to Rome

* I've never seen a ghost