



Have you ever ...?

Have you ever?	Who? / When?	Opinion + other information
listened to music from another country?		
eaten foreign food?		
been to another country?		
studied a language apart from English?		
met someone from another country?		
read a book from another country?		
seen a play by Shakespeare?		
flown in a plane?		
met a famous person?		
studied the history of another country?		





Teacher's Notes

Have you ever ...?

Interaction

Whole class

Aim

To practice the present perfect and past simple.

Time

20-25 minutes

Skills

Speaking Listening

Grammar and functions

Present perfect contrasted with past simple

Vocabulary

Personal experience

Preparation

Photocopy one worksheet for each student.

Procedure

- 1 Elicit from students the difference between the present perfect and the past simple when talking about life experiences.
- 2 Give out the worksheets.
- 3 Explain that students are going to interview their classmates to find people who have done the things on the list. Demonstrate by asking a question, e.g. *Have you ever eaten foreign food?* If a student says they have, ask them *When did you eat it?* Write their name and their answer on the board. Then ask more questions like *What was it? Did you like it?* and note the answers on the board.
- 4 Have students walk around the class interviewing people. When they have two positive answers from the same person, they should move on to someone else.
- 5 Move around the room, listening and checking the accuracy of their questions.

Option

Make the activity a race by saying that the first student to finish wins. Check the winner's answers by asking the people whose names are on his / her worksheet if they really have done these things.

Additional ideas

Use the life experiences as a basis for a class discussion, e.g. discuss food in different countries.