Present Perfect vs. Past Simple: Life Experiences & Timelines

Welcome! Today, we will explore how to confidently discuss life experiences and specific past events using the Present Perfect and Past Simple tenses.



Warm-up Questions

1. Have you **ever traveled** to another continent?
2. When **did you take** your last vacation?
3. What is the most exciting project you **have worked** on this year?



Grammar Rules

- **Past Simple:** We use this for finished actions that happened at a specific time in the past.

Example: We **visited** Japan **in 2022**.

Key words: **yesterday, last year, in 2015.**

Present Perfect: We use this for life experiences or actions at an unspecified time before now, often connecting to the present.

Example: We **have visited** Japan.

Key words: **ever, never, yet, already, recently.**



Complete The Sentences

Choose the correct tense (Present Perfect or Past Simple) to complete the following:



1. We _____ (go) to Paris last summer.
2. _____ you ever _____ (eat) authentic sushi?
3. Our team _____ (not/finish) the presentation yet.
4. The company _____ (launch) the new product two weeks ago.

Reading Context

We have traveled to many countries over the past five years. Last year, we visited Italy and ate the best pizza of our lives. We haven't been to Asia yet, but we bought tickets for Tokyo yesterday. Our experiences have taught us so much about different cultures and working styles.



Role-play Introduction

Get ready to practice! You will participate in a conversation between two colleagues, Alex and Taylor, at a global networking event.

They are discussing their team's career paths and recent projects. Remember to use the grammar rules we just learned.

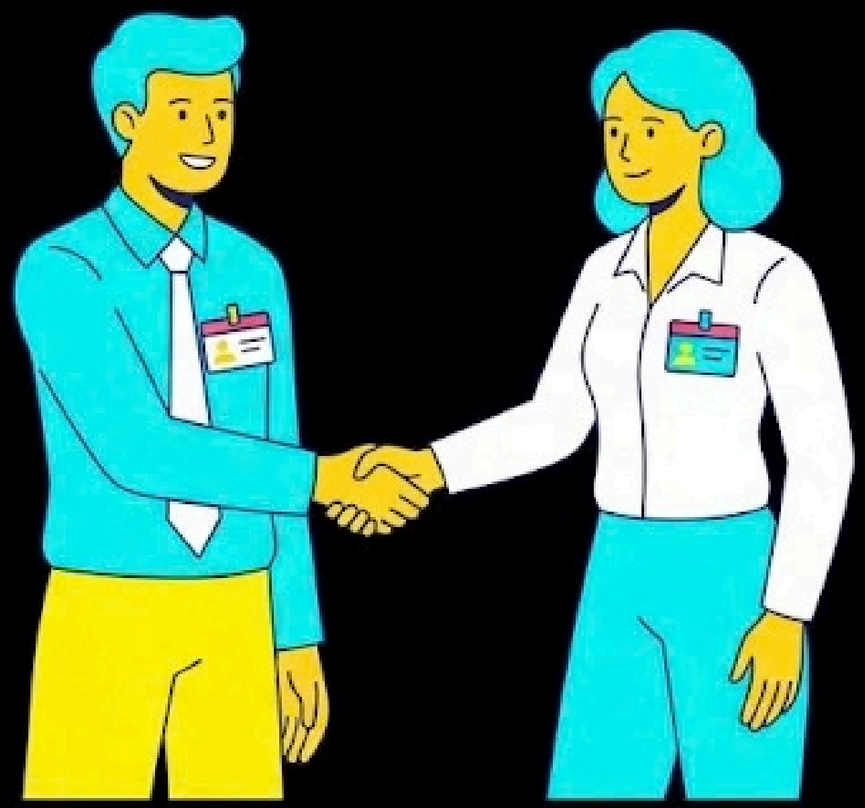


Role-play Part 1

Alex: It is great to see you! How long have you worked in the marketing department?

Taylor: We have been there for three years. What about your team? Did you stay in sales?

Alex: Yes, we did. Actually, we closed a huge deal last month.



Role-play Part 2

Taylor: That is fantastic! Have you traveled for work recently?

Alex: Yes, we flew to London in October for a conference. Have you ever been to the UK?

Taylor: No, we haven't been there yet. But our department visited the branch in Berlin two years ago.



Role-play Part 3

Alex: Berlin is wonderful. We have opened two new offices there since 2021.

Taylor: That is impressive. We spoke with the regional manager yesterday, and we are planning to visit soon.

Alex: Excellent. Let us know when you schedule the trip!



Review

Today, we successfully reviewed:

- Using the Past Simple for specific, finished actions in the past.
- Using the Present Perfect to discuss life experiences without specific times.
- Identifying time markers like "yesterday", "last year", "ever", and "yet". "yet".





THANK YOU

You've completed the class!

See you next time.