

PRESENT PERFECT WITH **EVER** AND **NEVER**

EVER → to ask questions about experiences. It means “at any time up to now”.

*Have you **ever** ridden a camel?*

*Have you **ever** been to China?*

We can also use ever in affirmative sentences. We often use it after a **superlative** in order to emphasize.

*This is **the best** concert I've **ever** been to.*

*This is **the worst** breakfast I've **ever** eaten.*

NEVER → to talk about experiences which we haven't had, we use *never* and an **affirmative** present perfect form.

*I've **never** seen a giraffe.*

*Sarah has **never** written a postcard.*

Activities

1. Complete the sentences with **ever** or **never**.

1. I've _____ swum in the Dead Sea, but I'd like to.
2. He's always been a vegetarian. He's _____ eaten meat.
3. Has it _____ snowed here in July?
4. You've _____ been late for school. Well done!
5. Have you _____ lost your bus ticket?

2. Make questions with **ever** using the words in brackets.

1. (ride/horse?) *Have you **ever** ridden a horse?*
2. (be/California?) _____

3. (run/marathon?) _____

4. (speak/famous person?) _____

5. (most beautiful place/visit?) _____

3. Complete the dialogue with correct form of have and *ever* or *never*.

Jay: *Have* you *ever* seen the film ET?

Seb: No, I haven't. I _____ watched a film from the 1980s. Is it good?

Jay: I think it's the best film that Spielberg _____ made!

Seb: Who? I _____ heard of him.

Jay: You need to come to the school film club! It's the best club I _____ been in.

Seb: I _____ thought about joining a film club before, but OK. It sounds fun!

4. Complete the sentences with your own information and *ever*.

1. *Pizza* is the best food I've *ever* eaten.

2. _____ is the best place I've _____ visited.

3. _____ is the worst holiday I've _____ made.

4. _____ is the best book I've _____ read.

5. _____ is the worst film I've _____ seen.

ANSWER KEY

1. Complete the sentences with *ever* or *never*.

1. I've never swum in the Dead Sea, but I'd like to.
2. He's always been a vegetarian. He's never eaten meat.
3. Has it ever snowed here in July?
4. You've never been late for school. Well done!
5. Have you ever lost your bus ticket?

2. Make questions with *ever* using the words in brackets.

1. (ride/horse?) Have you ever ridden a horse?
2. (be/California?) Have you ever been to California?
3. (run/marathon?) Have you ever run a marathon?
4. (speak/famous person?) Have you ever spoken to a famous person?
5. (most beautiful place/visit?) What is the most beautiful place you have ever visited?

3. Complete the dialogue with correct form of have and ever or never.

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Seb: No, I haven't. I have never watched a film from the 1980s. Is it good?

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Seb: I have never thought about joining a film club before, but OK. It sounds fun!

4. Complete the sentences with your own information and *ever*.

1. Pizza is the best food I've ever eaten.
2. London is the best place I've ever visited.
3. Tenerife is the worst holiday I've ever made.
4. Manolito Gafotas is the best book I've ever read.
5. "Santa Claus conquers the Martians" is the worst film I've ever seen.