

A. Life Experience (from the past until now)

We use the **present perfect** (*have been* / *have had* / *have played* etc.) when we talk about a time from the past until now – for example, a person's life:

- • 'Have you **been** to France?' → 'No, I **haven't**.'
- • I've **been** to Canada, but I **haven't been** to the United States.
- • Pooja has had many different jobs and has lived in many places.
- • 'Have you **read** this book?' → 'Yes, I've **read** it twice.' (*twice* = *two times*)

B. Present Perfect + ever and never

- • 'Has **Neha ever been** to Australia?' → 'Yes, once.' (*once* = *one time*)
- • 'Have you **ever played** golf?' → 'Yes, I often play golf.'
- • I've **never ridden** a horse.
- • I don't know him. I've **never seen** him before.

C. gone and been

Rahul has gone to Spain.

(= *he is in Spain now*)

Rahul has been to Spain.

(= *he went to Spain, but now he is back*)

Compare:

- • I can't find **Aisha**. Where **has** she **gone**? (= *Where is she now?*)
- • Oh, hello **Aisha**! Where **have** you **been**?