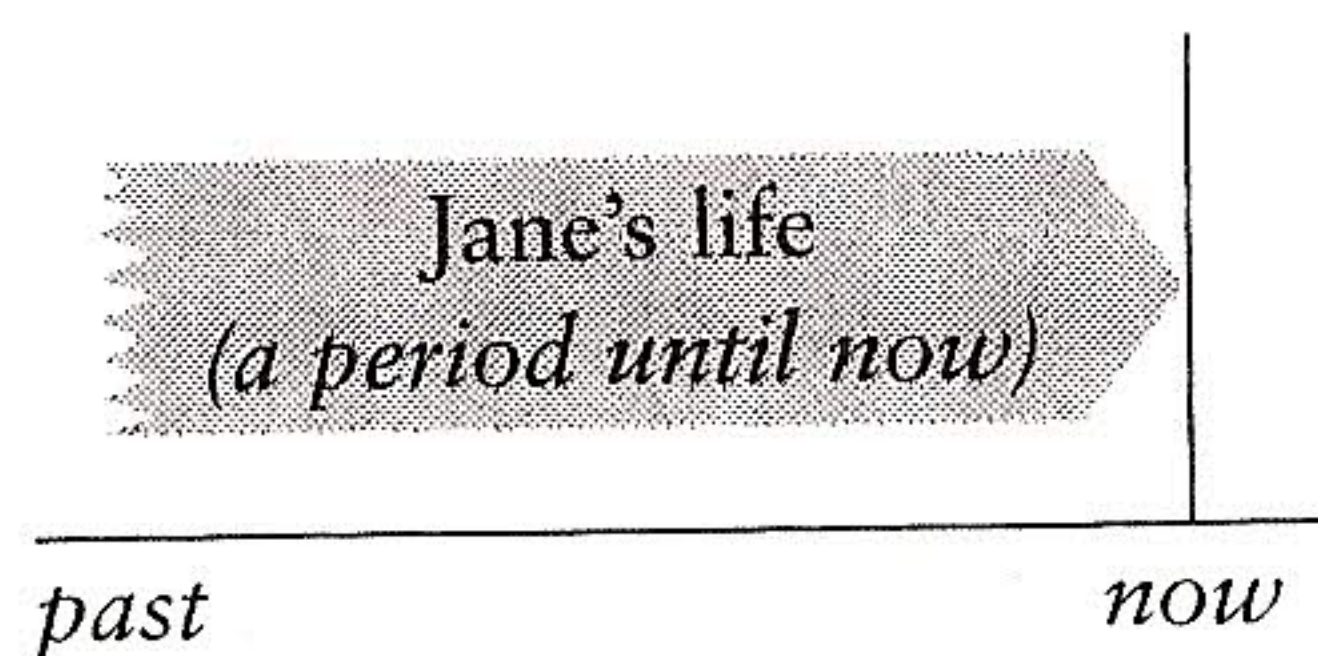


Present perfect 2 (I have done)

A

Study this example conversation:

DAVE: Have you travelled a lot, Jane?
 JANE: Yes, I've been to lots of places.
 DAVE: Really? Have you ever been to China?
 JANE: Yes, I've been to China twice.
 DAVE: What about India?
 JANE: No, I haven't been to India.



When we talk about a period of time that continues from the past until now, we use the *present perfect* (have been / have travelled etc.). Here, Dave and Jane are talking about the places Jane has visited in her life (which is a period that continues until now).

Some more examples:

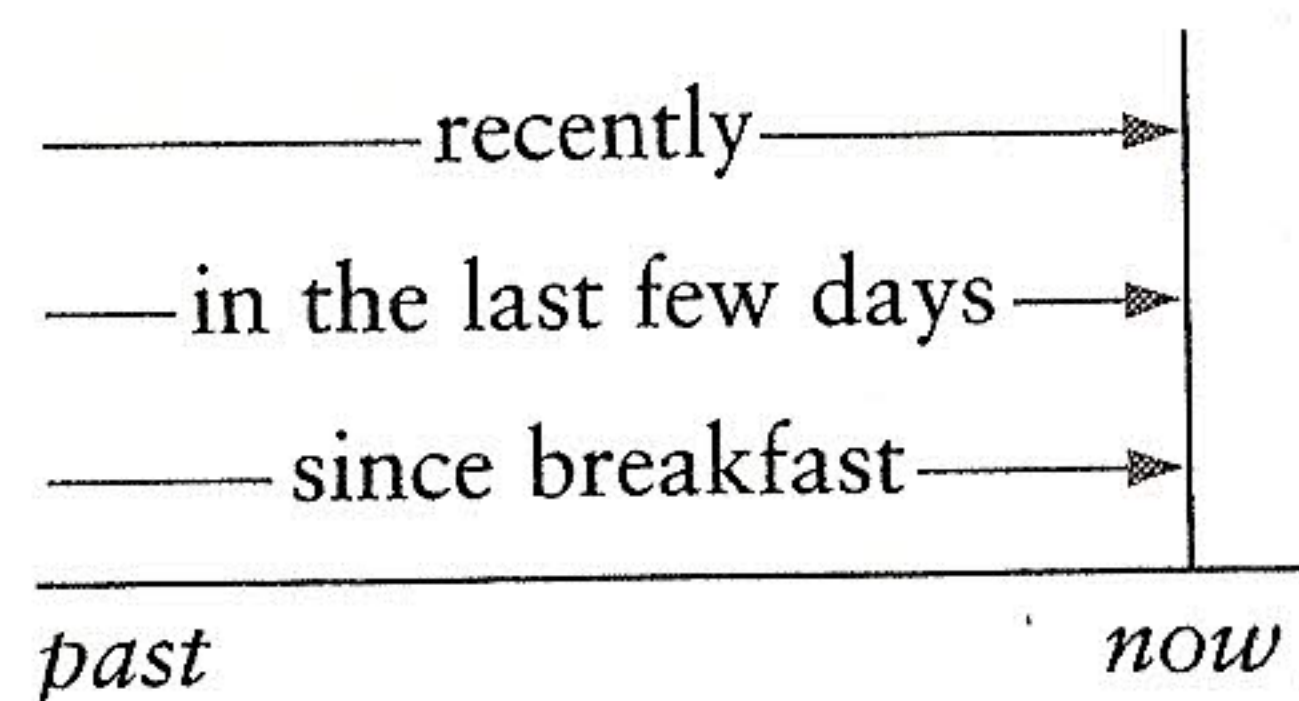
- Have you ever eaten caviar? (in your life)
- We've never had a car.
- 'Have you read Hamlet?' 'No, I haven't read any of Shakespeare's plays.'
- Susan really loves that film. She's seen it eight times!
- What a boring film! It's the most boring film I've ever seen.

Been (to) = visited:

- I've never been to China. Have you been there?

In the following examples too, the speakers are talking about a period that continues until now (recently / in the last few days / so far / since breakfast etc.):

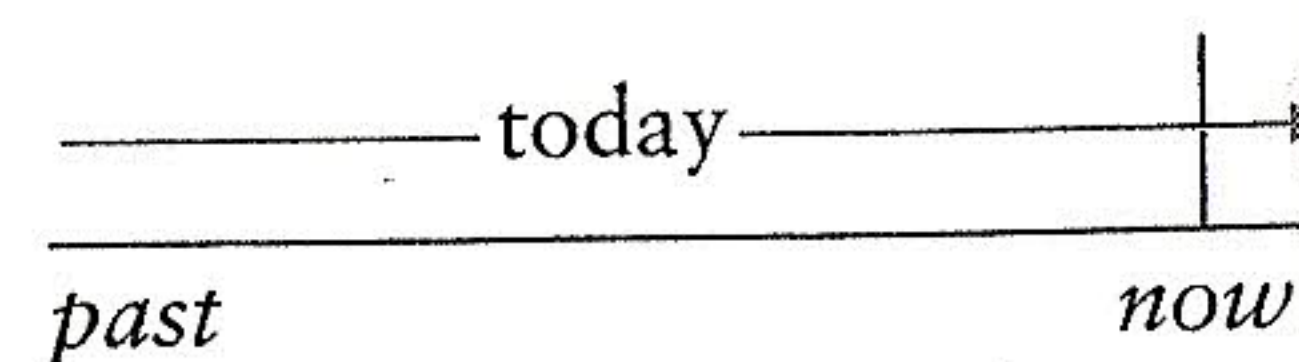
- Have you heard from Brian recently?
- I've met a lot of people in the last few days.
- Everything is going well. We haven't had any problems so far.
- I'm hungry. I haven't eaten anything since breakfast. (= from breakfast until now)
- It's good to see you again. We haven't seen each other for a long time.



B

We use the present perfect with today / this evening / this year etc. when these periods are not finished at the time of speaking (see also Unit 14B):

- I've drunk four cups of coffee today.
- Have you had a holiday this year (yet)?
- I haven't seen Tom this morning. Have you?
- Rob hasn't studied very hard this term.



C

We say: It's the (first) time something has happened. For example:

- Don is having a driving lesson. It's his first one. It's the first time he has driven a car. (not drives)
- or He has never driven a car before.
- Sarah has lost her passport again. This is the second time this has happened. (not happens)
- Bill is phoning his girlfriend again. That's the third time he's phoned her this evening.



8.1

You are asking people questions about things they have done. Make questions with ever using the words in brackets.

- 1 (ride / horse?) Have you ever ridden a horse?
- 2 (be / California?) Have
.....
- 3 (run / marathon?)
.....
- 4 (speak / famous person?)
.....
- 5 (most beautiful place / visit?) What's
.....

8.2

Complete B's answers. Some sentences are positive and some negative. Use the following verbs:

be be eat happen have meet play read see see try

	A	B
1	What's Mark's sister like?	I've no idea. I've never met her.
2	How is Diane these days?	I don't know. I her recently.
3	Are you hungry?	Yes. I much today.
4	Can you play chess?	Yes, but for ages.
5	Are you enjoying your holiday?	Yes, it's the best holiday for a long time.
6	What's that book like?	I don't know. it.
7	Is Brussels an interesting place?	I've no idea. there.
8	Mike was late for work again today.	Again? He late every day this week.
9	Do you like caviar?	I don't know. it.
10	I hear your car broke down again yesterday.	Yes, it's the second time this week.
11	Who's that woman by the door?	I don't know. her before.

8.3

Complete the sentences using today / this year / this term etc.

- 1 I saw Tom yesterday, but I haven't seen him today
- 3 I read a newspaper yesterday, but I today.
- 4 Last year the company made a profit, but this year
- 4 Tracy worked hard at school last term, but
- 5 It snowed a lot last winter, but
- 6 Our football team won a lot of games last season, but we

8.4

Read the situations and write sentences as shown in the example.

- 1 Jack is driving a car, but he's very nervous and not sure what to do.
You ask: Have you driven a car before?
He says: No, this is the first time I've driven a car.
- 2 Ben is playing tennis. He's not good at it and he doesn't know the rules.
You ask: Have
He says: No, this is the first
- 3 Sue is riding a horse. She doesn't look very confident or comfortable.
You ask:
She says:
- 4 Maria is in London. She has just arrived and it's very new for her.
You ask:
She says: