



Conversation cards – present perfect or past simple?

1. Divide your class into groups of 3–4. Give one set of conversation cards per group.
2. Students shuffle the cards and keep them on the table, face down.
3. In turn, each student picks a card and asks the others 1–2 questions each.
4. When they have run out of cards, the students report some of the information they have learnt about each other to the rest of the class.
5. The teacher listens and takes notes of errors and good use of target language. These notes can be used for delayed feedback at the end of the practice.



Animals (pets, wildlife)

- Have you ever had a pet?
- When did you last visit a zoo?
- Have you ever seen a wild animal in your neighborhood?
- What pet did you want as a child?
- Have you ever fed an animal at a park or farm?

Arts

- Have you ever visited an art museum?
- How many books have you read?
- What book did you last read?
- Have you ever written a poem or a story?
- Have you ever painted or drawn something you were proud of?

Work

- Have you ever had a job interview?
- When did you last send an important email?
- Have you ever worked on a team project?
- What was your first job?
- Have you ever complained to your boss about something?

Sports

- Have you ever played a team sport?
- When did you last go for a walk or run?
- Have you ever tried an extreme sport?
- What was the first sport you ever played?
- Have you ever won a sports competition?

Objects

- Have you ever lost your phone?
- When did you last buy new furniture?
- Have you ever driven a really expensive car?
- What was the most expensive item you have ever bought?
- Have you ever repaired something by yourself?

Food and drink

- Have you ever cooked a meal for someone else?
- What food did you dislike as a child?
- Have you ever tried a really strange food?
- When did you last have a cup of coffee or tea?
- Have you ever baked a cake?



The news

- Have you ever been caught in a thunderstorm?
- When did you last check the weather forecast?
- Have you ever seen a tornado?
- What was the coldest winter you have ever experienced?
- Have you ever been in extreme weather?

Education

- Have you ever studied for a very difficult exam?
- When did you last complete an assignment?
- Have you ever taken an online course?
- What subject did you enjoy the most in school?
- Have you ever forgotten to do your homework?

Entertainment

- Have you ever been to a live concert?
- What was the last film you watched?
- Have you ever met a famous actor or musician?
- When did you last read a book?
- Have you ever learnt to play a musical instrument?

Health

- Have you ever broken a bone?
- When did you last visit a doctor?
- Have you ever tried a new fitness routine?
- What was the last healthy meal you ate?
- Have you ever taken medicine for a cold?

Travel and transport

- Have you ever travelled by train?
- When did you first go on a plane?
- Where did you go on your first flight?
- Have you ever driven a car?
- Have you ever travelled alone?

Everyday living

- Have you ever saved money for something important?
- What was the first thing you bought with your own money?
- Have you ever found some money?
- Have you ever decorated your own room?
- Where did you live as a child?