

What have you done in English? (Grammar)

Description: Revision of questions and answers in the present perfect and the simple past.

Use with or after: *English Network Certificate Skills*, Unit 1.

Skill: Grammar

Focus: Questions and answers about how the students actually use the language they are learning.

Time: 10–15 minutes

Preparation:

- Print out the two work sheets for groups A and B (second and third pages of this file). Make enough copies so that each student can have one of the work sheets, but not both.

Procedure:

- Divide the class into two groups, A and B, and give each person a copy of the work sheet for his or her group. Each worksheet has eight pairs of questions, but one of the questions in each pair is gapped out. Point out that the word *ever* appears in the first sentence of each pair, and the word *last* in the second.
- Working individually or with someone else from their own group, each student should write the eight missing questions on his or her work sheet.
- When everybody has written the questions, ask them to stand up and find a new partner from the other group.
- The new partners put their work sheets side by side and compare the questions. Group A has the questions that Group B was supposed to have written, and *visa versa*.
- Then the new partners ask each other all the *Have you ever ...?* questions. In case of a positive answer, they also ask the *When ...?* questions and note down their partner's answers.
- While they are doing this, you should circulate and check that they are using the proper tenses.
- If anyone has given an interesting answer, ask that person's partner to report on it to the class.

Group A**Your questions:****Your partner's answers:**

1 _____ ever _____ ?

When did you last speak English with a French person? *(What did you talk about?)*

2 Have you ever read a novel in English?

When _____ ?
(What was it about?)

3 _____ ever _____ anyone _____ ?

When did you last give someone directions in English? *(Where did they want to go?)*

4 Have you ever had an argument in English?

When _____ ?
(What was it about?)

5 _____ ever _____ ?

When did you last strike up a conversation with a stranger in English?
(What did you talk about?)

6 Have you ever given a speech in English?

When _____ ?
(Who were the people in your audience?)

7 _____ ever _____ ?

When did you last have a job interview in English?
(What kind of job was it?)

8 Have you ever worked in an English-speaking country?

When _____ ?
(What kind of work did you do? In which country?)



Group B**Your questions:****Your partner's answers:**

1 Have you ever spoken English with a French person?

When _____ last _____ ?
(*What did you talk about?*)

2 Have _____ ?

When did you last read a novel in English?
(*What was it about?*)

3 Have you ever given anyone directions in English?

When _____ someone _____ ?
(*Where did they want to go?*)

4 Have _____ ?

When did you last have an argument in English?
(*What was it about?*)

5 Have you ever struck up a conversation with a stranger in English?

When _____ ?
(*What did you talk about?*)

6 Have _____ ?

When did you last give a speech in English?
(*Who were the people in your audience?*)

7 Have you ever had a job interview in English?

When _____ ?
(*What kind of job was it?*)

8 Have _____ ?

When did you last work in an English-speaking country?
(*What kind of work did you do? In which country?*)

