

## Activity Type

Grammar Game: forming questions from prompts, giving answers, true or false (group work)

## Focus

Present perfect for experience

*Have you ever...?* questions and short answers

Past simple

## Aim

To ask *Have you ever...?* questions about experiences in the past and use the past simple to find out who is lying and who is telling the truth.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three and cut as indicated.

## Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

## Time

35 minutes

## Introduction

In this fun present perfect true or false game, students ask *Have you ever...?* questions about experiences in the past and use the past simple to find out who is lying and who is telling the truth.

## Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three.

Give each group a set of cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face-down in a pile.

Tell the students that they are going to take it in turns to interview the other people in their group. Explain that their task is to find out who is lying and who is telling the truth.

One student takes on the role of the interviewer and begins by taking the top card from the pile.

This student asks the other two students the question on the card using the present perfect with *ever*, e.g. 'Have you ever won a competition?'

The other students answer 'Yes, I have', even if it's not true.

The interviewer then asks the two students three past simple follow-up questions from the prompts on the card, e.g. 'What competition did you enter?'

The interviewer then tries to work out if the students are lying or telling the truth, scoring one point for each correct guess.

The next student then picks up a card and takes on the role of the interviewer and so on.

The student with the most points at the end of the game wins.

Afterwards, have a class feedback session and elicit some of the interesting things that the students have done.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

**you / win a competition?**

- What / enter?
- When?
- What / prize?

**you / raise money for charity?**

- Which charity?
- How?
- How much?

**you / write a love letter?**

- Who?
- When?
- What / write about?

**you / fly in a helicopter?**

- Where / go?
- When?
- How long?

**you / call the police?**

- Why?
- When?
- What / happen?

**you / go to America?**

- Which city?
- When?
- What / see?

**you / skip class?**

- Why?
- When?
- What / do?

**you / won a medal or trophy?**

- When?
- What for?
- What / do with it?

**you / meet a famous person?**

- Who?
- When?
- What / they say?

**you / buy something very expensive?**

- What?
- Where?
- How much?

**you / be near a dangerous animal?**

- Which animal?
- Where?
- When?

**you / lose something important?**

- What?
- When?
- What / do?

**you / go on a date?**

- Who with?
- Where?
- What / do?

**you / give a speech?**

- What about?
- Where?
- How / feel?

**you / swim in the sea?**

- Where?
- Who with?
- How / feel?