

This warmer gets all students using the present perfect

## Level:

Pre-Intermediate and above.

## Language Aims:

To practice using present perfect simple verb forms. To review use of the present perfect simple to describe past experiences.

## Preparation:

Make copies of the **Student Handout** on the next page before class so that each student will have one.

## Procedure:

1. Tell students they are going to ask each other questions about things they have done in the past. Model, if you wish, the question 'Have you ever milked a goat?' by asking a student(s) and getting their response "Yes, I have," or "No, I haven't."
2. Give students the handout and ask them to read through it to check they understand any difficult vocabulary.
3. Ask them to look at numbers 11. and 12. on the handout. For these, they write their own questions. You offer help with vocabulary and ideas and check questions for accuracy and meaning before they start.
4. Ask them to mingle and try to find someone to say 'yes' for each question. They talk to each member of the class in turn and ask them the questions. Once someone has answered 'yes' to one of their questions, they should write their name next to the question and move on to another student. Explain that the 'winner' is the person who has collected the most names.
5. When you feel students have had enough time to complete all or most of their handout, ask them to sit in a circle. Then ask different students to report back on questions. E.g. "Johanna, has anyone in our class milked a goat?" Johanna: "Yes, Yuki has." Students may particularly want to listen to answers for 11. and 12.

**Variation:** Encourage students to ask follow-up questions using 'When?' or 'When?' etc.

E.g. "When did you milk a goat?"

This will lead to more work on the difference in use between the present perfect simple and past simple tenses.

You can also vary the questions on the handout according to the interests of your students.

## Student Handout

1. Have you ever milked a goat?
2. Have you ever ridden an elephant?
3. Have you ever seen a panda?
4. Have you ever planted a tree?
5. Have you ever been fishing?
6. Have you ever worked on a farm?
7. Have you ever held a koala?
8. Have you ever eaten in a seafood restaurant?
9. Have you ever talked to a tree?
10. Have you ever been to a zoo?
11. Have you ever...(you write the question)  
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12. Have you ever...(you write the question)  
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