Grammar in context

Present perfect with ever and never

1a Look at these sentences and match them with the explanation of their uses in a–c. Write the answers in your notebook.

1 **Have** you ever **tried** to get a suntan?
2 I'**ve had** a bad cold for a week.
3 They **have made** it illegal for under-18s to use sunbeds and now they can't use them.

a an experience or experiences which happened at an unspecified moment in the past
b a past action which has a result in the present
c a situation that started in the past and continues to the present

1b Complete the rule in your notebook.

We make the present perfect with **have/has** + the _____ of the main verb.

1c Complete the sentences in your notebook with the present perfect form of *see* and *visit*.

Affirmative: He _____ the doctor.
Negative: He _____ the doctor.
Question form: _____ he _____ the doctor?

1d Look at these sentences and choose the correct alternative. Write the answers in your notebook.

1 Have you *ever/never* tried to get a suntan?
2 Many people in the UK have *ever/never* been ice-skating.

1e Choose the correct alternative. Write the answers in your notebook.

1 *Ever/never* means at any time in your life.
2 *Ever/never* means at no time in your life.
3 *Ever* and *never* go just *after/before* the past participle.

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2 Complete the sentences in your notebook with the present perfect form of the verbs given.

1 I ...have decided... (decide) to study medicine.
2 My friend _____ (meet) Dr Lucy Smith.
3 We _____ (study) the history of medicine in biology.
4 I _____ (not have) any bad accidents.
5 _____ your dad _____ (work) in a hospital?
6 My sister _____ (become) a nurse.

3 Put *ever* or *never* in the correct place in these sentences and questions. Write the answers in your notebook.

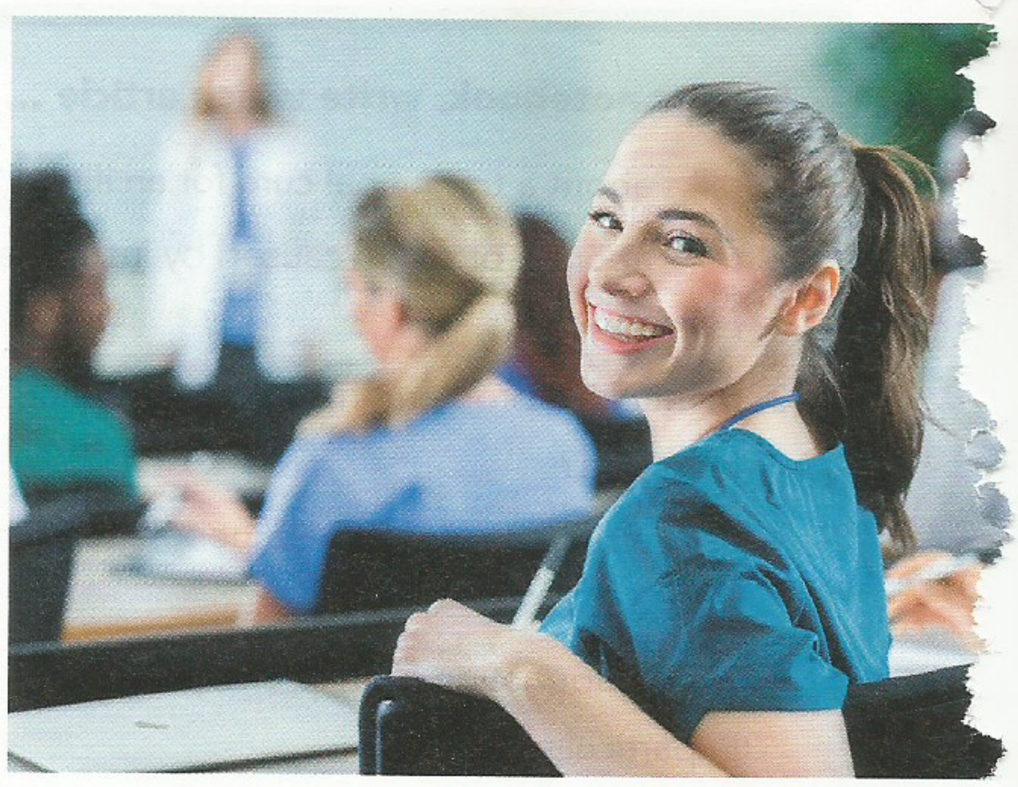
1 Have you had hot soup to stop a cold?
2 I've felt sick in a car.
3 She's taken antibiotics.
4 Has your dad helped anyone in an accident?
5 Sam and I have written a story about doctors.
6 Have you done first aid?

4 In your notebook, write questions with *ever* to ask your partner.

catch a cold? ➤ *Have you ever caught a cold?*

1 stay in bed because of flu?
2 have a very high temperature?
3 stay in hospital?
4 make soup?
5 take medicine that tastes really bad?
6 visit a friend in hospital?
7 break your arm?
8 watch a hospital drama on TV?

5a Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in 4.

5b When you finish, tell a different student about your partner.

Adam has never stayed in bed because of flu, but he has broken his arm.