



Have you ever...game

This activity is a modification of a few different activities. This is a game for students to practice making “Have you ever...” questions, and responding to them. Divide students into groups of 4-10. Print out some play money and distribute it equally to each student. There are many places on the web you can find some play money, but to save you a little time looking, you can go to <http://www.Canada-ESL.com/eslplaymoney.pdf> Cut out and shuffle the “Tell the Truth” or “Tell a Lie” cards at the end of this page and place them in one pile at the center of the table. Model “Have you ever” + past participle for your students, as well as ways to respond to “Have you ever” questions.

Ex.

Have you ever sung in public.

Yes, I have. **or** No, I haven't.

You may want to give students the at the end of this lesson with some examples of ‘Have you ever questions’ with verbs in the simple present. Remind students that they will have to change the simple present to a past participle. The first student starts and asks anyone else in his/her group a “Have you ever question.” The student who is asked the question should draw a card from the pile of “Tell the Truth” or “Tell a Lie” cards and answer according to the card. The rest of the students are allowed to ask 3 more follow-up questions to try and determine of the person answering is telling the truth or lying. Then all of the students, except for the student who answered, bet on whether the student is telling the truth or lying. It is the student answering the question that must pay the bets. It's a good idea to set a maximum bet, so one student doesn't go completely bankrupt on one question.

Example: In a group of six students (made up of Chandler, Joey, Monica, Phoebe, Rachel and Ross) Ross starts and decides to ask Monica, "Have you ever stayed up all night". Monica, who has never stayed up all night, draws a "Tell a Lie" card and answers, "Yes, I have." Since three follow-up questions are allowed, Joey begins and asks "When?" Monica replies, "Last summer". Phoebe then asks Monica, "Who were you with?" Monica replies, "My cousin." Chandler asks Monica, "Where were you?" Monica replies, "In our cabin." Rachel then asks, "What did you do all night?" Ross steps in and says, "Three questions are up. It's time to bet."

Ross: "5 dollars it's a lie"

Phoebe: "10 dollars. Truth"

Chandler: "uh...50 bucks, lie"

Joey: "20 dollars she's lying"

Rachel: "300 dollars says she's telling the truth"

Monica then shows her "Tell a Lie" card. She collects Phoebe's and Rachel's money, since they were wrong, but has to pay Ross 3 dollars, Joey 2 dollars and Chandler a dollar. Overall, she lost one dollar. Play proceeds for a set-time period. This activity can also be used to practice "When was the last time you..." or "Did you ever..."

Have you ever...

(you will have to change the verb and)

sing/in public

find/money

get drunk/party

tell/gossip

shake hands/someone famous

meet/someone famous

made up/after an argument

lead/an expedition

pay/someone else's dinner

say/something you regret

sell/a car

shoot/a goal

sit in a waiting room/more than 3 hours

stand in line/more than 3 hours

tell/a secret to a friend

win/the lottery

build/a model

burn/yourself

feel/an earthquake

keep/diary

break/promise

leave a class/early

lose/something valuable

oversleep

sleep in

spend/more than 1,000 dollars at once

be/Paris

bring a pet/school

buy/anything expensive

catch/a fish

fight/a cause

seek/someone in the want ads

teach/anything

think/out loud

be/hangover

be/hang out to dry

stick/with the bill

strike/a baseball

swing/someone

begin/book/never finish

drink/Yak's milk

ring/a church bell

run/students' council

come home/past your curfew

go/Europe

beat up/someone at school

blow up/at a friend

decide/to break up with someone

choose/a team

draw/a cartoon

drive/for more than 8 hours

eat/Yak

fall/more than 10 feet

fly/to Hong Kong

forget to do something important

get/ripped off

give/as well as you got

grow/your own vegetables

hide/from someone

know/a politician

lie down on a straw bed

see/the sunrise

show someone around your town

steal/gum

take/a computer course

throw/a party

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