

Times with Present Perfect and Past Simple things in common

Work in pairs. Choose one of the times in the list below. Give information about yourself and ask questions about your partner related to that time until you find that is true for both of you. Negative sentences that are true for both of you are also okay. Continue talking about that time until you find something that you share or until it is clear you can't find anything in common, then do the same for different times below.

Useful language for talking about similarities and differences

- Me too!/ I... too.
- Me neither./ I... not... either.
- Really? I...

Suggested times with Present Perfect and Past Simple to talk about

- three days ago/ a couple of weeks ago/ a long time ago/ not long ago/ ... ago
- at four p.m. yesterday/ at ... pm yesterday/ at ... am yesterday
- at six o'clock this morning/
- at this time last week
- for a long time/ for just a short time/ for...
- in 2011/ in 2021/ in 20...
- in January/ in...
- in the 1990s/ in the 19...s
- in the last six months/ in the last seven days
- last night/ last week/ last month/ last year/ last...
- never
- on Christmas Day/ on February 14th/ on...
- on Friday/ on ...day
- since 2010/ since I joined this class/ since I left school/ since...
- the day before yesterday
- the week before last/ the year before last/ the... before last
- this morning/ this afternoon
- this week/ this month/ this year/ this...
- today
- yesterday (morning/ afternoon/ evening)

When your teacher stops you, share one thing that you have in common with your partner and see if anyone else in the class is the same.

Ask about any times above you aren't sure about, working together to make example sentences each time. Then do the presentation task on the next page.

Use these mixed answers to help with the presentation task and then to brainstorm more times that are not above

ago	at	for	in
in the last... (s)	last	on	since
the... before...	this	yesterday	

Times with Present Perfect and Past Simple grammar presentation

Without looking above for now, brainstorm times that can go in each of the categories in this table:

Times with Past Simple (e.g. "I did +...")	Times with Present Perfect (= has/ have + PP)	Times with both Past Simple and Present Perfect

Use the key words on the first page above to help.

Look at the first page for examples, then use the key words on the first page to brainstorm more.

Compare as a class.