

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity

Focus

Present perfect for experience

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

Aim

To play a game of bingo by asking and answering 'Have you ever...?' questions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for every eight students and cut into bingo cards as indicated. Make enough copies to play several rounds.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this 'Have you ever...?' game, students find classmates who have had the experiences shown on a bingo card.

Procedure

Give each student a bingo card.

Explain that the students are going to play a game of bingo where they ask and answer present perfect 'Have you ever...?' questions to find classmates who have had the experiences shown on their bingo card.

Students do this by changing each verb on their bingo card into its past participle form and creating a present perfect question with 'ever' from the prompt, e.g. if the prompt was 'lose some money', the student would say 'Have you ever lost some money?'

Go through the vocabulary on the cards and remind the students how to form past participle verbs and present perfect questions with 'ever'.

Students then walk around the classroom asking 'Have you ever...?' questions from the prompts on their card.

When a classmate answers 'Yes, I have', the student writes down their name under the prompt in the space provided.

The first student to get three names in a row, either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally shouts 'Bingo!' This student wins the first round.

Students then continue the game to see who can complete all nine squares with names. The first student to do this shouts out 'Bingo!' This student wins the second round.

Play several rounds. Make sure students receive a different bingo card each time they play.

Afterwards, have a class feedback session. Ask students whose names they have written on their bingo card and ask the students in question to explain more about their experiences.

Have You Ever Bingo

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| lose some money | ride a horse | go on a date | break a bone | sleep in a tent | have an operation |
| make someone cry | have a bad holiday | stay out late | stay up all night | find some money | keep a diary |
| play the piano | dream you could fly | visit a factory | go to Disneyland | ride an elephant | win a race |
| have a fight | swim in the ocean | climb a mountain | fall in love | go surfing | bake a cake |
| fall down some stairs | go to a theatre | see a whale | build a snowman | get very angry | catch a fish |
| score a goal | make a sandcastle | be late for class | play tennis | go to China | give a presentation |
| win a prize | see a tornado | go hiking | meet a celebrity | have toothache | go skiing |
| be in a car accident | draw a cartoon | act in a play | hold a snake | travel abroad | spend a lot of money |
| sing in public | watch a film in English | swim in a river | paint a wall | fall out of bed | see a UFO |
| drink wine | sleep in class | ride a motorbike | forget a birthday | fail an exam | milk a cow |
| write a poem | fly in an airplane | go ice skating | lose your keys | see the sunrise | fly in a helicopter |
| see a ghost | play table tennis | have an x-ray | break a vase | go to Europe | be on TV |