

Game 9: Have You Ever...? Oh, When?

Have You Ever...? Oh, When? gives students practice with common conversational moves by asking and telling about past experiences. The teacher may want to explain the use of the present perfect and the meaning of “ever” in “have you ever.”

Instructions

1. Have students (the players) sit in groups of 3–4.
2. Determine who goes first and progress clockwise or counter-clockwise.
3. Each player rolls the dice in turn.
4. On their turns, the players move their game pieces along the path according to the number of spaces indicated by the dice.
5. On the space where they land, the players read the question aloud.
6. The players respond to their question. If the answer is “yes,” players should say the last time they did the activity. If the answer is “no,” players should tell something that they have done that is related.
7. The game continues until one or all players reach the ‘Finish’ space.

“Player Talk” in *Have You Ever...? Oh, When?*

Cue

Have you ever swum in a river?

Have you ever watched a baseball game?

“Player Talk”

No I haven’t, but I have swum in an ocean. **(Simple response)**

Yes, I have. The last time was when I visited my aunt. I saw a game on TV. **(Complex response)**

Game Squares

START: WE'RE SO READY!

1. Have you ever swum in a river?
2. Have you ever watched a baseball game?
3. Have you ever traveled by train?
4. Have you ever traveled to another country?
5. Have you ever worn a hat?
6. Have you ever kissed an animal?
7. Have you ever cooked dinner for someone?
8. Have you ever been to another continent?
9. Have you ever sung a song in a car?
10. Have you ever missed an English lesson?
11. Have you ever read a novel in English?
12. Have you ever slept outside, under the stars?
13. Have you ever borrowed something from someone?
14. Have you ever eaten sushi?
15. BAD LUCK! GO BACK 10 SPACES.
16. Have you ever eaten really spicy food?
17. Have you ever played a piano?
18. Have you ever seen a ghost?
19. Have you ever climbed a mountain?
20. Have you ever lost your cell phone?

FINISH



Variations for *Have You Ever...? Oh, When?*

Variation	Directions	"Player Talk"
What Your Friend Said	The teacher can have the students play the game again. This time the player can say what another player previously said when landing on that space. If no one landed there, the player should create a new answer.	<i>John said he has traveled outside his country many times. For example, last year his family went to Egypt.</i>
Time to Lie	Have students make up an answer that is not true. Students should also make up the last time they did the activity.	<i>Yes, I have seen a ghost many times. One was sleeping on our roof last week.</i>