

UNIT 6

Talking about Experiences



Warm Up

PAST PARTICIPLE RELAY RACE

Form two teams in two lines in front of the blackboard. How many past participles (*kakobunshi*) can your team write in 3 minutes? The team with the most is the winner! You must not use the same words as the opposing team.

1 The Present Perfect

Read the Grammar Hint below carefully.

GRAMMAR HINT

Students often use the present perfect (*genzai kanryō*) incorrectly. Look at these sentences:

- I **ate** fugu last night. (simple past tense)
- I've **eaten** fugu before. (present perfect)



The sentences above have different meaning. The first sentence tells us when, but the second sentence (present perfect) does not. When you know when the activity happened, use simple past tense, not present perfect! Present perfect is often used to talk about experiences.

2 Have you ever...?

Use the hints on page 29 & 30 to make questions to ask a partner. Make sure you use the *past* participle of the verb; if you aren't sure, ask your teacher.

Begin each question like this:

“Have you ever _____?” or “Have you _____ before?”

If you answer 'no', ask:

“Have you?” or “How about you?”

If your partner answers 'yes', you must also ask 'when?' and tell each other about a time you did the activity using the simple past tense.

cry at a
movie
theater



call someone
overseas

travel
abroad

drive
a
car

watch
Mito Kōmon

fall
in
love



ride
a
horse

see
the movie
'Titanic'

go to
Okinawa

eat
*ika no
shiokara*

Continue...



stay up
all night



go to
Hokkaido

fall asleep
in
class

have a
hangover

have
a dream
come true

3 Ask your teacher

Close your books and ask your teacher some of the questions from Activity #2 from memory. Next, make up three of your own questions to ask.

4 I've never...

Work with a partner. Tell each other some experiences you have **never** had before, trying to find 4 experiences you **haven't** had but your partner **has** had. Follow the pattern below and use some of the expressions on the right.

A: I've never...

B: I haven't either. / Me, neither.

or

A: I've never...

B: You haven't? I have.



A: Really? What was it like? / How was it?

B: It was... / I...

(PLUS—tell your partner a little more about your experience.)

It was

fantastic! 
great.
interesting. / fun.
good.
OK. / n't bad.
boring.
terrible! 

loved it! 
really liked it. / enjoyed it.
didn't like it very much.
hated it! 

5 Wild & Crazy Survey

How wild and crazy are you? Interview another classmate and record his/her points. Close your book while you are being interviewed. Finally, find out your partner's total score. Who is the wildest, craziest person in the class?

Have you...

Points

- | | |
|--|---|
| ... stolen an umbrella? | 1 |
| ... wanted to run away from home? | 1 |
| ... held a snake? | 2 |
| ... driven over the speed limit? | 2 |
| ... watched the same horror movie twice? | 2 |
| ... lost your voice from singing at a concert? | 2 |
| ... had a car accident? | 3 |
| ... walked through a graveyard at night? | 3 |
| ... danced on the stage at a nightclub? | 3 |
| ... made a prank phone call? | 4 |
| ... danced alone in front of a mirror? | 4 |
| ... punched anyone? | 5 |
| ... tried dog food? | 5 |



OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Make your own survey and try it out on your classmates.