Have You Ever?

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Practicing the Past Simple versus the Present Perfect tenses. Discussing social media's impact on society. Reading and listening comprehension.

Activity One: Warm-up Discussion

With a partner, fill in the table:

Good things about social media	vs	Bad things about social media

The pair with the most things in their table is the winner - you have 5 minutes!

Activity Two: Past Simple and Present Perfect tenses

These two tenses are quite tricky for English learners to distinguish because in many languages, the Present Perfect does not have an existing counterpart.

Let's go over the uses of the Present Perfect compared to the Past Simple so that we can practice and get you feeling more comfortable with using them confidently.

The PAST SIMPLE is used when we talk about an action in the past that is FINISHED.

We can use the Past Simple to talk about a sequence of events, an action that happened once, many times, or never.

We use Finished Time Expressions with the Past Simple to say WHEN something happened. For example:

I called you *yesterday*.

Last week, we visited our grandparents.

I just checked on them *a few minutes ago*.

She voted *in 2016*.

Verbs in the Past Simple are either regular and end in –ED, like in the above examples, or irregular with a specific form.

With a partner, match the irregular verbs with their Past Simple form in the table below:

See	Taught
Teach	Wore
Think	Slept
Go	Was/Were
Wear	Forgot
Send	Broke
Sleep	Saw
Forget	Took
Be	Went
Have	Thought
Break	Sent
Take	Had



The PRESENT PERFECT tense is used to speak generally about past actions. The 'when' does not matter. Specifically, the present perfect is used to talk about experiences, a change from the past to the present, or a continuing situation. There is always a connection to both the past and present.

With the Present Perfect, if we do mention time (which is not necessary), we use Unfinished Time Expressions, times that are undefined and incomplete, such as: Before, still, yet, since June, for 3 days, today, this week, this month, this year, once, twice, never, always, so far

Experiences

I have *never* lived in London. She has traveled around the world. We have seen this movie *before*.

Change

I have returned to my old job. She has received a promotion. They have become good friends *since they met*.

Continuing situation

I have known her *for years*. He hasn't called you *yet*? We have had a fun evening *tonight*.

The Present Perfect is formed with have/has + past participle. Regular verbs look the same as in the Past Simple, i.e. ending in –ED. Irregular verbs have specific forms, some which are the same as in the Past Simple. Complete the table with a partner:

See	
Teach	
Think	

Go	
Wear	
Send	
Sleep	
Forget	
Be	
Have	
Break	
Take	

Activity Three: 'Have you ever?' Board game

Play the board game with a new partner. You must say the sentence and change the verb into either the Past Simple with a Finished Time Expression OR into the Present Perfect with an Unfinished Time Expression.

Example: "I (download) an app on my phone"
→ I *downloaded* an app on my phone *last night*.
→ I *have downloaded* an app on my phone *before*.

Start →	I (download) an app on my phone	He (play) games on his phone	They (write) a blog	I (post) a picture on my Instagram ↓
My friend (like) my picture ↓	My brother (send) me a meme	Go back 3 spaces	My feed (is) full of posts from my friends	He (stream) himself playing video games←
This topic (is) treding on Twitter →	She (shoot) a vlog on her camera	This picture (go) viral	Some people (leave) mean comments	She (comment) on her friend's post ↓
This girl (become) a famous influencer ↓	I (get) a lot more followers	Go forward 2 spaces	I (watch) videos on YouTube	He (tweet) a picture ←
I (link) to my blog on my story →	Go back 4 spaces	I (follow) my favourite celebrities	My mum (make) an Snapchat account	Finish !

Activity Four: Reading Comprehension

Read the text and answer the comprehension questions

An ex-Facebook boss has said social media is harmful to our society. Chamath Palihapitiya's job was to increase Facebook's users. He felt bad about getting more people to use social media. He said it is destroying society. Twenty years ago, people talked to each other. Today, they message instead of talk. People worry too much about what others think. They post photos and want everyone to like the photo. They get sad if people do not like it.

Mr Palihapitiya wants people to take a break from social media to live real life. He wants people to like each other instead of liking online "likes". Palihapitiya says fake news is affecting how we see the world. A lot of "news" is untrue. Also, people can post lies about other people. Palihapitiya said this was a global problem. He has banned his children from using social media. He said Facebook is not all bad and that it, "overwhelmingly does good in the world".

1. What was Chamath's job?
2. Why did he feel bad about getting more people to use social media?
3. What did people do 20 years ago?
4. Why do people get sad now?
5. What did he do to his children?
6. Does he think Facebook is all bad?

Activity Five: Two Truths and a Lie

A. Think of two truths and one lie about what you did or saw on social media yesterday. Use the Past Simple! We will guess which is the lie!

B. Think of two truths and one lie about things you have done or seen on social media and share them with the group. Use the Present Perfect! We will guess which is the lie!

Activity Six: Listening Comprehension

Watch the video and answer the comprehension questions.

'How is Your Phone Changing You?' by AsapSCIENCE
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6CBb3yX9Zs

Comprehension Questions:

1. What has led to more people with myopia, or nearsightedness?
2. Why were phone games compared to cigarettes or cocaine?
3. What is 'Nomophobia'?
4. How could cell phone calls change the way our brains function?
5. What have studies shown are the effects of using smartphones before bed?

6. In what ways have smartphones been good and bad for the world?
7. What did they recommend doing to be more productive?
8. Have you ever felt addicted to your phone or to social media apps?
9. Have you ever taken a break from social media or your phone?

Activity Seven: Role Plays

Act out the following scenarios with a partner.

1. You have been feeling tired lately and you talk to your friend about being on your phone before bed. They tell you what they have done the past week to help get better sleep.
2. You just joined Instagram and your friend is showing you how you use it. They tell you about how they made their own profile and what they have posted recently.
3. You sent a picture to the wrong friend and it made them really mad. Explain to them what happened!
4. You sister hacked into your Facebook and posted a bunch of embarrassing status updates and pictures. You talk to her about why that was not okay.

