

LIFE EXPERIENCES

Listening

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We asked people in London if they have had any experiences. Let's find out what they had to say and hear them using present perfect to describe their life experience.

DIALOGUE 1

Joel Hi, I'm Joel.

Rob Hi Joel. Right, we're talking about life experiences, and we have a bucket list challenge. We're going to find out what you have done and what you haven't done in your life starting with: Have you ever climbed a mountain?

Joel No I haven't. I like safer things. I'm scared of dying too much to climb a mountain.

Rob Have you ever won a gold medal?

Joel Not a gold medal but first prize. I'm a guitarist and I've, like, won competitions.

Rob Have you ever learnt to play the piano?

Joel I play the guitar but I have learned the piano - for about a year - but then I just decided the guitar was the way to go.

Rob And have you ever been to the Antarctic?

Joel No it's way too far, way too cold. I don't like it.

Rob You wouldn't like to go?

Joel No!

Rob Have you ever met a famous footballer?

Joel No I haven't, which is a bit ironic because I'm from Portugal and there's quite a few like Cristiano Ronaldo, Figo...

Rob And finally, have you ever run a marathon?

Joel No I'm not much of a sports person. I'm a musician that's what I love doing. I don't like to move!

Rob Brilliant. Great answers. Thank you very much.

Joel Cheers.

DIALOGUE 2

Sadhvi Hi I'm Sadhvi.

Rob Hi Sadhvi. We have a bucket list challenge. Six things I'm going to ask you about. Starting with, number one, have you ever climbed a mountain?

Sadhvi No I don't think I have actually.

Rob Number two. Have you ever won a gold medal?

Sadhvi No I haven't, sadly.

Rob Moving onto number three. Have you ever learnt to play the piano?

Sadhvi Yes I have learnt to play the piano – when I was much younger.

Rob Brilliant. Are you good now?

Sadhvi No I don't play any more sadly.

Rob Never mind. How about this one – have you ever been to the Antarctic?

Sadhvi No I haven't - I would love to though.

Rob Have you ever met a famous footballer?

Sadhvi I saw Rio Ferdinand at my local curry house not so long ago.

Rob And number six, have you ever run a marathon?

Sadhvi No, definitely not.

Rob Thank you.

DIALOGUE 3

Liam My name is Liam.

Rob Hi there Liam. Right, I'm going to ask you about a few things on our bucket list to see if you've done them or not. So let's start with number one, have you ever climbed a mountain?

Liam I have climbed a mountain.

Rob Which one?

Liam Snowdon [in Wales] Yeah, I've climbed Snowdon.

Rob Next thing. Have you ever won a gold medal?

Liam I've never won a gold medal. I suppose I have won a gold medal but it's kind of a very informal gold medal at a stag do.

Rob Next one. Have you ever learnt to play the piano?

Liam I have never learnt to play the piano. I'd like to, I'd like to, it's a big task but I'd like to.

Rob Have you ever been to the Antarctic?

Liam I've never been to the Antarctic, no.

Rob Have you ever met a famous footballer?

Liam I've seen famous footballers but I don't think I've actually met one. One day maybe yeah, you never know.

Rob And finally, have you ever run a marathon?

Liam I've never run a marathon, but maybe I will in the future.

Rob Thank you for speaking to us.

DIALOGUE 4

Nicky Hi I'm Nicky.

Rob Hello Nicky. Right, we've got our bucket list challenge here. First question for you, have you ever climbed a mountain?

Nicky I've never climbed a mountain.

Rob And you wouldn't ever climb a mountain?

Nicky No, absolutely not!

Rob Have you ever won a gold medal?

Nicky No, never. Maybe at school but not recently, I've not taken part in the Olympics!

Rob Have you ever learnt to play the piano?

Nicky I played the keyboard at school. I wasn't very good so no, I can't play the piano.

Rob Next question. Have you been to the Antarctic?

Nicky I've not been to the Antarctic although I would like to go.

Rob Have you ever met a famous footballer?

Nicky I've never met a footballer.

Rob Would you like to?

Nicky I wouldn't mind!

Rob Finally, have you ever run a marathon?

Nicky I've never run a marathon but I would like to run a marathon, in my five-year plan, but I need to learn to run 5K first and then I'll move on. But I would like to.

Rob Good luck with that and thank you for talking to us.

Nicky Thank you!