

CONVERSATION CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

TOPIC	Have You Ever...?
ACTIVITIES:	<p>1. OPENING ACTIVITY</p> <p>Play: "I've Never" (see attached).</p> <p>2. VOCABULARY-BUILDING ACTIVITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review vocabulary words – definitions and pronunciation. ○ Review expressions. <p>3. CONVERSATION STARTERS – Small group discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Choose a facilitator for each group to throw out questions to promote discussion (see below), or post questions on an overhead or smart classroom computer. Allow sufficient time for small groups to view and discuss questions. ○ Encourage students to generate their own follow-up questions. <p>4. CLOSING ACTIVITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review song lyrics for "My Way" (Frank Sinatra). ○ Listen to the song. ○ Sing along with the song.
VOCABULARY EXPRESSIONS REDUCTIONS	<p><u>WORD LIST</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. opportunities 2. regrets 3. childhood 4. experiences 5. adventurous 6. cautious

	<p><u>EXPRESSIONS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Kick up one's heels</i> – Enjoy oneself Example: When she retires, she plans to kick up her heels and travel. 2. <i>Play a joke</i> – to do something that makes someone look foolish 3. <i>In a rut</i> – In a settled or established habit or course of action, especially a boring one. Example: We go to the seashore every summer – we're in rut. 4. <i>Variety is the spice of life</i> – Diversity makes life interesting 5. <i>Opportunity knocks but once</i> – You only get one chance to achieve what you really want to do 6. <i>Nothing ventured, nothing gained</i> – One must take risks to achieve something 7. <i>Seize the day (Carpe diem)</i> – Take advantage of the situation
<p>GAME:</p>	<p>Karin's ESL PartyLand I've Never (Adapted from a fun drinking game)</p> <p>Level: Intermediate-advanced Grammar: Present perfect and simple past Directions: First, do a model round. Instead of using alcohol, I've heard you can use pennies or nickels to make this one fun. Start out by telling the class something you've never done. For example, "I've never been to India." Anyone who has been to India must tell the story. After they tell the story and their classmates ask follow-up questions, they receive a penny. Play continues to the right as the next person says, "I've never..." Again, students who have done this receive a penny. Once the students have gotten the idea, put them in groups to continue the activity. (You could continue to play as a whole class, but there's more time for language production if they're in groups.) At the end, see who has the most pennies and joke about this person being the most experienced. Variation: A much faster version may be better for grammatical review than conversation practice. Play this as a whole class game. Start with everyone standing up. Students sit down if they've never done something. Those standing should tell their stories to the whole class. The person with the most experience is the only one left standing. That person wins the game.</p> <p>http://www.eslpartyland.com/teachers/conversation/i'venever.htm</p>
<p>MATERIALS/ ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:</p>	<p>RESOURCES/MATERIALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions http://iteslj.org/questions ○ Song: <i>My Way</i> (Frank Sinatra) http://www.lyricsfreak.com/f/frank+sinatra/my+way_20056378.html ○ Game: <i>I've Never</i> (Adapted from a fun drinking game) http://www.eslpartyland.com/teachers/conversation/i'venever.htm ○ Dictionaries: http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/features/dictionary/dictionaryhome.aspx (with audio)

<http://www.yourdictionary.com> (with audio)

- o **Reductions:** Etymology, pronunciation, and part of speech explained at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reduction_\(linguistics\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reduction_(linguistics))

CONVERSATION STARTERS – Group discussion questions

TOPIC – Have You Ever...?

1. Have you ever driven a sports car?
2. Have you ever driven a truck?
3. Have you ever gone mountain climbing?
4. Have you ever gone skiing?
5. Have you ever gone surfing?
6. Have you ever appreciated a sunset? Where were you? Were you alone or with someone special?
7. Have you ever been a guest at a surprise party?
8. Has anyone ever thrown a surprise party for you?
9. Have you ever been in a fist fight?
10. Have you ever been on TV?
11. Have you ever been to a theater?
12. Have you ever ridden a horse?
13. Have you ever ridden a motorcycle?
14. Have you ever broken a bone?
15. Have you ever eaten frog legs?
16. Have you ever played a joke on one of your teachers? How about one of your classmates?
17. Have you ever met a celebrity? If so, who was it? Where did you meet him or her?
18. Have you ever been in love?
19. What is your favorite childhood memory?
20. Do you have any regrets for something you did not do or try?
21. What is something that you've done in your life that you would recommend everyone try?

**CONVERSATION-
STARTER
QUESTIONS**

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