



English Time

Let's keep learning! Know the differences between ever and never.

¡Sigamos aprendiendo!, Conoce las diferencias entre ever y never.

The words ever and never are used a lot to talk about frequencies of activities. Like other things (some and any, for example) we choose one or the other depending on the type of sentence.

Las palabras ever y never se usan mucho para hablar de las frecuencias de las actividades. Como otras cosas (some y any, por ejemplo) elegimos una o la otra dependiendo del tipo de frase.

- **Never** = nunca. Se usa para negar.
- **Ever** = alguna vez. Se usa para preguntar.

NEVER:

Never is used in different verb tenses such as present simple to express an action that you don't do or present perfect to say that you have never done anything in your life. When we already have the negation in the sentence (don't / haven't / didn't), we don't use it, since a double negation in English doesn't look good.

- Present simple: I never go to the cinema, it's too expensive / Nunca voy al cine, es demasiado caro.
- Present perfect: I've never been to New York. / Nunca he estado en Nueva York.

EVER:

Ever is used present simple to ask if an activity/action is done and present perfect to ask at some point it has been done.

- Present simple: Do you ever talk to Maria? / ¿Alguna vez hablas con Maria?
- Present perfect: Have you ever been to New York? / ¿Alguna vez has ido a New York?

In the simple past tense, the same thing happens. Look at this:

- Did you ever visit me in my old house? / ¿Alguna vez me visitaste en mi antigua casa?
- I never visited you in your old house / Nunca te visité en tu antigua casa.

And, future simple and going to:

You can also use ever and never in the future simple with will, or with going to.

- Will you ever forgive me? / ¿Me perdonarás alguna vez?
- I will never forgive you / Yo nunca te perdonaré.
- Are you ever going to finish that book? / ¿Vas a terminar alguna vez ese libro?
- I'm never going to finish that book / Yo nunca voy a terminar ese libro.



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