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# Are You Experienced?

*Is every day full of new things to try or have you done it all?  
Here's a list of life experiences—all you have to do is add up your  
points and see how you measure up.*

You've visited the following continents:

Asia **2** Africa **2** Australia **2** Europe **2** Americas **1** Antarctica **3**

You've cried with happiness.	<b>2</b>	You've written a poem for someone.	<b>3</b>
You've cried at a movie.	<b>1</b>	You've sent your food back in a restaurant.	<b>3</b>
You've cried at a funeral.	<b>4</b>	You've worried that your life is going nowhere.	<b>3</b>
You've bought flowers for yourself.	<b>2</b>	You are good friends with an ex-boy/girlfriend.	<b>3</b>
You've bought your parents a meal.	<b>3</b>	You've caught a fish.	<b>2</b>
You've cooked your parents a meal.	<b>4</b>	You can use chopsticks.	<b>2</b>
You've been to the movies alone.	<b>3</b>	You've been on a plane alone.	<b>2</b>
You've admitted that you snore.	<b>2</b>	You've lived alone.	<b>3</b>
You've been to the opera.	<b>2</b>	You've given a speech in public.	<b>3</b>
You've traveled in a foreign country.	<b>2</b>	You've tried eating something you don't like.	<b>2</b>
You have at least one close friend of the opposite sex.	<b>5</b>	You've stopped smoking for good.	<b>3</b>
You've changed a baby's diaper.	<b>2</b>	You've never started smoking.	<b>10</b>
You've broken a bone.	<b>2</b>	You've thrown away all your childhood toys.	<b>5</b>
You've had stitches.	<b>2</b>	You've changed a tire.	<b>3</b>
You've hit a home run.	<b>1</b>	You know how to send an e-mail message.	<b>1</b>
You've written a romantic letter.	<b>3</b>	You can sew on a button.	<b>2</b>
You've apologized for something that wasn't your fault.	<b>2</b>	You've regretted having your hair cut.	<b>1</b>
You've grown a plant from a seed.	<b>2</b>	You can whistle a tune.	<b>1</b>
You've used an electric drill.	<b>2</b>	You can count up to ten in three languages.	<b>2</b>
You've bought an original work of art.	<b>2</b>	You've found a perfume or aftershave that suits you.	<b>2</b>
You've helped a blind person across the street.	<b>2</b>	You've answered all of the above questions truthfully.	<b>10</b>

## WHAT IT MEANS

Over 90: You can die tomorrow knowing that you've done everything and you know everything.

80 to 90: An impressive score! You've nearly done it all.

70 to 80: You certainly haven't been wasting your time.

60 to 70: You still have plenty of new experiences to try.

50 to 60: Life must be fun for you—there's so much you haven't done yet!

Under 50: Are you very young by any chance?

## *Are You Experienced?*

### Worksheet Progress Check

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#### ACTIVITY

Whole class: reading

#### AIM

To read a list of life experiences and find out how experienced you are.

#### GRAMMAR AND FUNCTIONS

Present perfect simple to talk about actions which happened in the past (when you are not interested in when the action took place)

#### VOCABULARY

Life events

#### PREPARATION

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student in the class and cut off the "What It Means" section as indicated.

#### TIME

20 to 30 minutes

#### PROCEDURE

1. Tell the students that they are going to answer a questionnaire to find out how experienced they are.
2. Give each student in the class a copy of the worksheet without the "What It Means" section. Ask them to read the list of things on their worksheet. For each one which is true for them, they should circle the number next to it.
3. When they have done that, ask them to add up their total score.
4. Give the "What It Means" section to each student in the class, and ask them to read the comment corresponding to their score.

#### OPTION

Ask the students to do the activity in pairs and to ask one another the questions.

For example:

*Have you ever cried with happiness?*

They then add up their partner's score and read out the corresponding comment on the "What It Means" section.

#### FOLLOW-UP

Ask the students to add their own ideas of what makes an experienced person.