

HAVE YOU EVER?

The one where... *Everybody has to stand up and swap chairs when the person in the middle says something that they have done.*

This is a physical game that requires speed, agility, and a little bit of thinking. It's best played by moderate to large sized groups.

Time: Will vary depending on the size of the group. A good rule of thumb is to allow each player to have one turn at saying 'have you ever...' Each 'round' should take no more than 30 seconds.

Equipment: Enough chairs for each player

No. of players: 6+

Age group: 5+

Physical effort: 3/5

Mental effort: 2/5

Difficulty: 2/5

This game is good for:

- Speed
- Agility
- Awareness
- Sharing
- Confidence

Set up

A circle of chairs is created with one chair for each player. A player is selected to go into the middle of the circle and their chair is removed.

Playing the game

The player says a sentence that starts with the words 'have you ever...' and must complete the sentence by saying something they have done, for example 'have you ever been in trouble at school?', 'have you ever been on a plane?' All of the players who have done this must stand up and find a new chair in the circle to sit on, including the player who is in the middle. It's OK for players to sit on one of the chairs either side of them but part of the fun of the game is to see how far from your starting chair you can go – be brave!

Variation

A version of this game can be played in which players do not speak. Instead, they agree to swap chairs with each other by making eye contact and nodding. The player in the middle must try to sit in a chair after it has been vacated by one of these players.