

In our previous class, we learned how to say “I have done/tried something before,” using -보다 verb combination : **Verb 아/어 + 봤다**, and we learned 보다 has to be conjugated in past tense here because it talks about your past experience.

그 빵(을) 먹어봤어요. (= I have the past experience of eating that bread, I have eaten that bread, I've tried that bread before.)

그 책(을) 읽어봤어요. (= I have the past experience of reading that book, I have read that book before.)

그 노래(를) 들어봤어요. (=I have heard that song before.)

There is another way of saying “**I have P,P before**” which is,

Verb(stem) -ㄴ/은 적이 있다.

This has the exact same meaning of 봤어요 combination expression, so they are interchangeably used.

So the literal meaning of this pattern is:

-이 있다 is a verb that means to have, to be there.

적 means past experience,

so it means to have the past experience of doing the verb.

그 빵 먹은 적이 있어요. I have eaten that bread before.

You can also combine the verb with 보다, and make it 먹어보다(먹다+보다).

So you take out the stem in this verb 먹어보, and then use the rest of the pattern.

먹어본 적이 있어요. I have eaten before.

그 빵 먹어본 적 있어요. I have eaten that bread before.

It might seem redundant, saying 적 already indicates that you have the past experience, so why add extra 보다 verb? I'm honestly not sure why exactly, but they are both used often by native speakers and are considered grammatically correct.

그 책 읽은 적 있어요.

그 책 읽어본 적 있어요. I have read that book before.

그 노래 들은 적 있어요.

그 노래 들어본 적 있어요. I have listened to that song before.

Try changing/translating each sentence using “-적이 있다” pattern.

그 회사에서 일해봤어요.

제주도에 가봤어요.

삼성 노트북을 써봤어요.

제프랑 말해봤어요.

I have seen BTS in real life.

And this time, we're gonna learn how to say

"I haven't P.P before."

한국에 안 가봤어요.

1) You can negate "Present Verb+봤어요" by putting 안 before a verb.

2) You can replace 있어요 with the verb with opposite meaning 없어요 and say

"V-ㄴ/은 적이 없어요"

한국에 간 적이 없어요 (O)

한국에 가본 적이 없어요 (O)

Try changing/translating each sentence with -적이 없어요.

남자친구를 안 사귀어 봤어요.

(친구를 사귀다: to make friends)

남자친구/여자친구를 사귀다: to date a boyfriend, girlfriend)

Jeff has never cried in front of me.

I have never heard that song.

When the verb you are using is combined with -주다, you don't have to combine extra 보다, you can just go with the stem that it already has.

도와주다

Jeff has helped me before.

제프가 저를 도와준 적이 있어요.(O)

제프가 저를 도와줘 본 적이 있어요. (sounds messy..)

안아주다

My dad has never given me a hug.

아빠가 저를 안아준 적이 없어요.(O)

아빠가 저를 안아줘 본 적이 없어요. (? X)

Try translating each sentence using the presented verb.

노래를 불러주다

My girlfriend never sings for me.

요리해주다

My sister has cooked for me many times.