I've Never Been...
A poem by an unknown author

I've never been to Athens and I've never been to Rome,
I've only seen the Pyramids in picture books at home,
I've never sailed across the sea or been inside a plane,
I've always spent my holidays in Brighton in the rain.

I've never eaten foreign food or drunk in a foreign bar,
I've never kissed a foreign girl or driven a foreign car,
I've never had to find my way in a country I don't know,
I've always known just where I am and where I'll never go.

I've read travel books by writers who have been to Pakistan,
I've heard people telling stories of adventures in Iran,
I've watched TV documentaries about China and Brazil,
But I've never been abroad myself; it's making me feel ill.

I've studied several languages like Hindi and Malay,
I've learned lots of useful sentences I've never been able to say,
The furthest place I've ever been was to the Isle of Man
And that was full of tourists from Jamaica and Japan.
In the morning at home: you are ready to go to the amusement park, but your family is not.

Some members of your family have just arrived. They are late. Where have they been?

Some are missing. Where have they gone?

- My sister has been to her bedroom to put a jumper on because she was cold.
- My parents have gone to the local Tourist Information Centre to buy half-price tickets.
- My twin cousins have been to the bakery to buy sandwiches.
- My aunt has gone to my grandparents’ to fetch them.

You all meet up at 11 am. Where has everybody been?

Grandma’s hair is wet.
Grandpa is completely dry.
Mum and Dad feel dizzy.
Auntie is exhausted.
My little sister is very happy.
My twin cousins are drinking coke.

- She has been to the carousel ten times.
- He has not been with Grandma.
- They have been to the concession stand.
- They have been to the roller coaster.
- She has been to the river rafting ride.
- She has been everywhere to help me finding my little sister.

**HAVE BEEN / HAVE GONE**

Lorsqu’on utilise *have been* on dit que la personne est allée quelque part, qu’elle est revenue et qu’elle peut en parler par exemple. Lorsqu’on utilise *have gone* on remarque simplement l’absence de la personne.

**Exemples :**
- Sarah has been to Oakwood Park in Wales. If you want to know more about it, just ask her.
- Sarah? She is not at home at the moment. She has gone to the gym.