

The Present Perfect Tense

Part A

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E.g. We have searched far and wide for Bee.

correct form of the verb 'to have'

past participle of the verb 'to search'

Read the following sentences. Tick the sentences that are written in the present perfect tense and put a cross next to the sentences that are not written in the present perfect tense.

If a sentence is not written in the present perfect tense, rewrite the sentence so that it is.

To have	
I have	
You have	
She has	
He has	
They have	
We have	

E.g.

Bee has lost her tribe. ✓

~~She walked for miles.~~ → She has walked for miles.

1. Dog has bolted away.

2. The tent has suffered some damage.

3. Dad looked for Bee.

4. Bee complained about plucking duck feathers.

5. Rat has learnt how to navigate.

6. Bent Tree performed many ceremonies.

7. Bee has fallen into a hole.

8. Bee felt lonely.

9. I have seen scary sights.

10. I saw a knot in a tree trunk.

11. I have plucked so many feathers.

12. Bee tried to climb out.

13. Bee jumped up at the trunk.

14. I have crawled inside a nook.

15. Dog licked Bee.

Now write your own sentence using the present perfect tense.

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Use the prompts below to write sentences in the present perfect tense.

E.g. Bent Tree warn → Bent Tree has warned the tribe about the Long Frost.

1. Bee worry

2. Sky Spirits watch

3. Dog sprint

4. Bee borrow

5. Eyelids droop

6. Bee bang

7. She tumble

8. The tribe hunt

9. The elders perform

10. We travel

11. Glinting Fang kill

12. My hand slip

13. Bee curl

14. The tribe reach

15. Bee see

★ ★ **Challenge Task** ★ ★

Use some of these verbs to write your own sentences using the present perfect tense: give, speak, take, eat, steal, ride.

E.g. drive → I have driven...

Think carefully about which form of the verb you should use.

The Present Perfect Tense Answers

Part A

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4. Bee complained about plucking duck feathers. x *Bee has complained about plucking duck feathers.*
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6. Bent Tree performed many ceremonies. x *Bent Tree has performed many ceremonies.*
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Example answer: *Snore of the Rat has acted in an unkind way.*

Part B

Example answers:

1. Bee worry *Bee has worried about lots of things.*
2. Sky Spirits watch *The Sky Spirits have watched over Bee.*
3. Dog sprint *Dog has sprinted away.*
4. Bee borrow *Bee has borrowed Dad's flint spearhead.*
5. Eyelids droop *Her eyelids have drooped.*
6. Bee bang *Bee has banged her head.*

7. She tumble *She has tumbled over.*
8. The tribe hunt *The tribe have hunted for food.*
9. The elders perform *The elders have performed rituals.*
10. We travel *We have travelled for many miles.*
11. Glinting Fang kill *Glinting Fang has killed a cave lion.*
12. My hand slip *My hand has slipped and now I can't hold on.*

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★ Challenge Task ★

Example answer:

I have ridden my goat across the fields for many miles. I have taken berries with me and given them out to the people I have met. They have eaten them with smiles on their faces. My goat has stolen my berries many times though!