



Using the Perfect Form of Verbs

Perfect Tenses

Click on each of the following tenses to find out more about when it can be used.



Past Perfect Tense



Present Perfect Tense



Future Perfect Tense

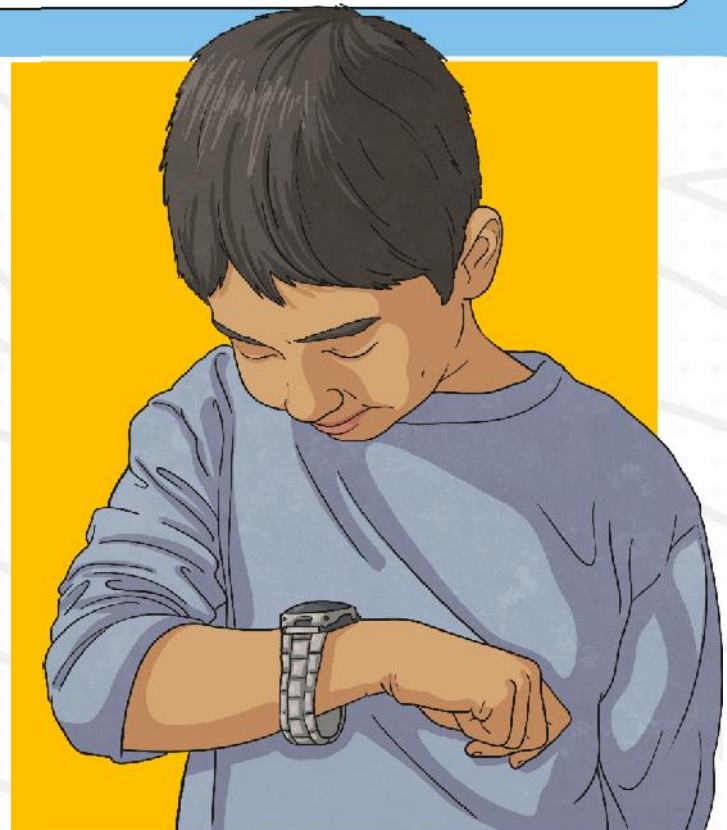
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Past Perfect Tense

The past perfect tense is used to talk about...

things that were completed at some point in the past.

You might use the past perfect tense if you are talking to your friend about something that has happened at a specific time in the past.



Past Perfect Tense

How to Use the Past Perfect Tense

To use the past perfect tense, use the word '**had**' and the **past participle** of the verb, e.g.

Mrs Wrigley **had collected** in our files.

I **had forgotten** to do my homework.

She **had noticed** that my book was missing.

All of these things happened in the past and do not continue to happen now.

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Present Perfect Tense

The present perfect tense is used to talk about things that **happened in the past** or things that **began in the past and are still happening now**.



You might use the present perfect tense if you are talking to your friend about something that happened or began at an unspecified time in the past.



Present Perfect Tense

How to Use the Past Perfect Tense

To use the past perfect tense, use the word 'has' or 'have' and the **past participle** of the verb, e.g.

Mrs Wrigley **has collected** in our files.

I **have forgotten** to do my homework.

She **has noticed** that my book was missing.

All of these things either happened in the past and do not continue to happen now or started happening in the past and are still continuing now.

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Future Perfect Tense

The future perfect tense is used to talk about things that **will be completed before a set point in the future**.



You might use the future perfect tense if you are talking to your friend about a problem in the future that will be caused by two events happening in the wrong order.



Future Perfect Tense

How to Use the Future Perfect Tense

To use the future perfect tense, use the word **'has'** or **'have'** and the **past participle** of the verb, e.g.

Mrs Wrigley **will have collected** in our files before I get to school.

She **will have noticed** that my book was missing before I'm able to sneak it into the pile.

All of these things will happen in the future and rely on events being completed in a particular order.

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Simple Past Tense

vs

Past Perfect Tense

The simple past tense is also used to talk about things that have already happened or existed.



However, you may want to use the past perfect tense instead if you want to go on to talk about what happened as a result of that event.

Think about the difference between these two sentences:

Simple Past Tense:

She **noticed** that I had not eaten breakfast.

Past Perfect Tense:

She **had noticed** that I had not eaten breakfast.

Which sentence makes you want to talk about what happened next?

Simple Present Tense

vs

Present Perfect Tense

The simple past tense is also used to talk about things that are currently happening.



As with the past perfect tense, you may want to use the present perfect tense if you want to go on to talk about consequences.

Think about the difference between these two sentences:

Simple Past Tense:

He **warned** me about the dangerous chemical.

Past Perfect Tense:

He **had warned** me about the dangerous chemical.

Which sentence makes you want to continue by using the conjunction 'so'?

Practising the Past Perfect Tense

Each of the following sentences is written in the simple past tense. What would you need to do to change them into the past perfect tense?

I worked on the project for hours.

Past Perfect Tense

I **had worked** on the project for hours.

Reveal Answer

Next Question



Practising the Past Perfect Tense

Each of the following sentences is written in the simple past tense. What would you need to do to change them into the past perfect tense?

Mackenzie **rolled** his eyes.

Past Perfect Tense

Reveal Answer

Next Question

Mackenzie **had rolled** his eyes.



Practising the Past Perfect Tense

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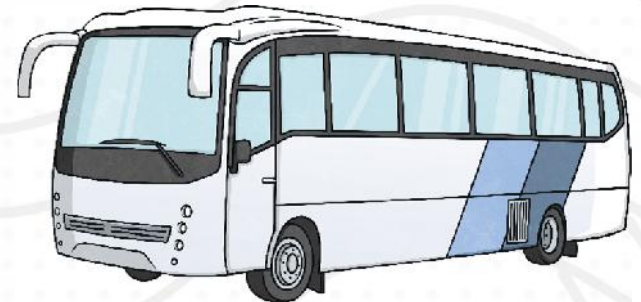
The class **boarded** the coach for their swimming lesson.

Past Perfect Tense

Reveal Answer

The class **had boarded** the coach for their swimming lesson.

Practise
the Present
Perfect Tense



Practising the Present Perfect Tense

Click on the correct option to complete each sentence in the present perfect tense.

I **have remembered** to bring my PE kit to school today.

Correct!

Next Question



Practising the Present Perfect Tense

Click on the correct option to complete each sentence in the present perfect tense.

Gemma **has thought** about the decision carefully.

Correct!

Next Question



Practising the Present Perfect Tense

Click on the correct option to complete each sentence in the present perfect tense.

It is unusual that the cleaner **has mopped** the carpet.

~~Incorrect!~~ **Correct!** ~~Try again!~~

Next Question



Practising the Present Perfect Tense

Click on the correct option to complete each sentence in the present perfect tense.

We **have celebrated** Eid every year since I was born.

~~Incorrect!~~ **Correct!** ~~Try again!~~

Next Question



Practising the Present Perfect Tense

Click on the correct option to complete each sentence in the present perfect tense.

Jackie **has stirred** stirred the soup continuously for hours.

Correct!

Well done on passing the
'Practising the Present Perfect Tense' quiz!

Play 'Which Tense?'



Which Tense?

Which tense has the following sentence been written in?

A bee has stung me every time
I have been in the paddling pool.



~~Incorrect!~~ **Correct!** ~~again!~~

Next Question

Which Tense?

Which tense has the following sentence been written in?

I had thrown my backpack over the fence before I had climbed up.



~~Incorrect!~~ **Correct!** ~~Again!~~

Next Question

Which Tense?

Which tense has the following sentence been written in?

Beth has started to think about saving for retirement.



~~Incorrect!~~ **Correct!** ~~Again!~~

Next Question

Which Tense?

Which tense has the following sentence been written in?

I will have watched 94 films by the end of the summer holidays.



~~Incorrect!~~ **Correct!** ~~again!~~

Next Question

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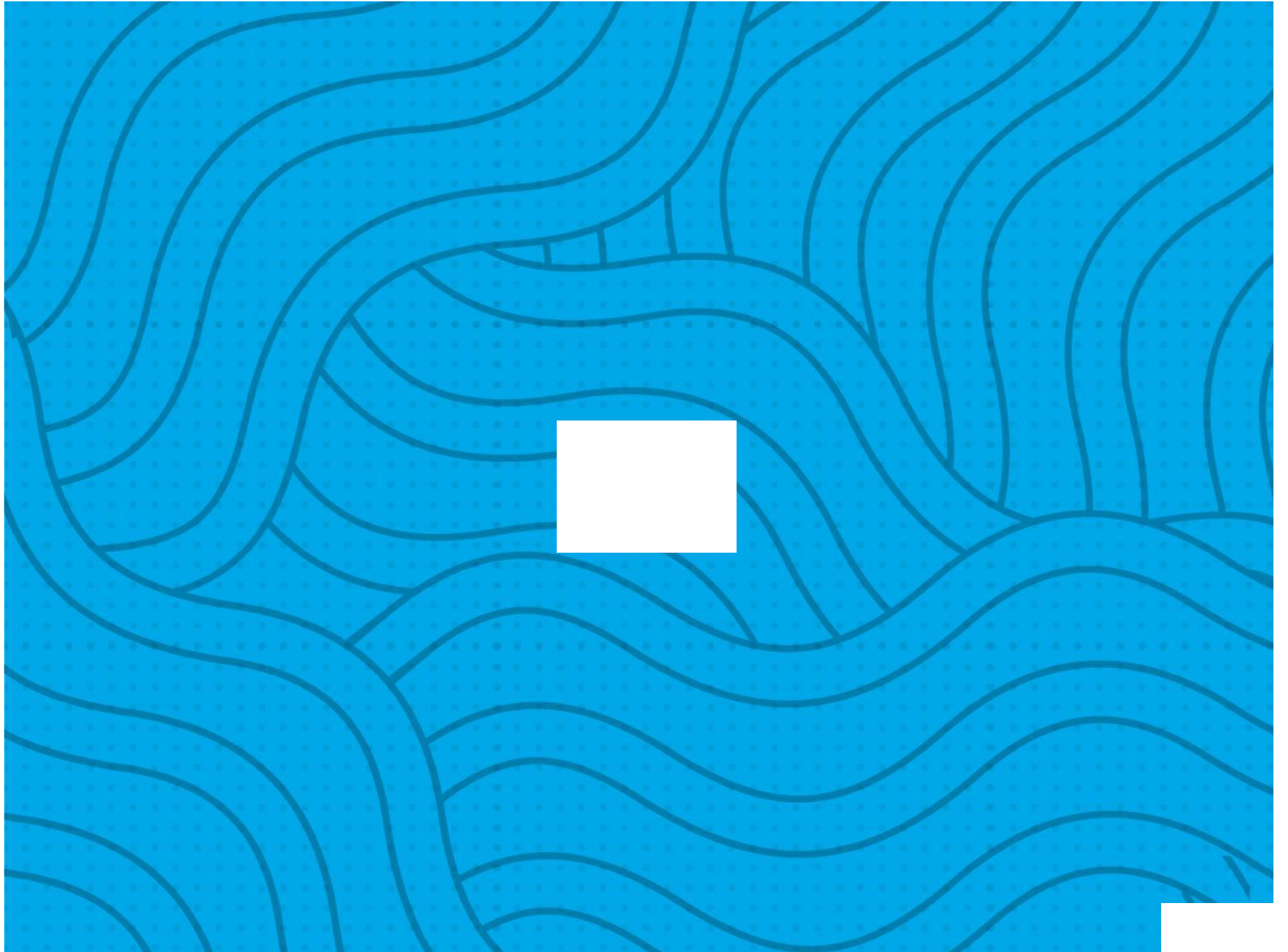
Which tense has the following sentence been written in?

I had sown only four lettuce seeds initially but that was not enough.



Correct!
Well done on passing the 'Which Tense?' quiz!

Finish



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Read each sentence and tick the box which shows the tense that the sentence has been written in.

		past perfect tense	present perfect tense	future perfect tense
1	I had spoken to Branka about her behaviour before.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	James will have broken a world record four times by the age of 30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Ana has solved more puzzles than anyone I know.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	I have swept the floor multiple times this morning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Jamal had slept for 19 hours straight.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Using a perfect form of the verb 'to surprise', complete each of the following sentences in the tense shown.

Past Perfect Tense

I _____ my sister with a new watch.

Present Perfect Tense

I _____ my sister with a new watch.

Future Perfect Tense

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I had surprised my sister with a new watch.

Present Perfect Tense

I have surprised my sister with a new watch.

Future Perfect Tense

I will have surprised my sister with a new watch.

Using the Perfect Form of Verbs

Read each sentence and tick the box which would correctly complete the sentence in the tense shown.

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2	Future Perfect Tense James _____ a world record four times by the age of 30.	had broken <input type="checkbox"/>	has broken <input type="checkbox"/>	will have broken <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Present Perfect Tense Ana _____ more puzzles than anyone I know.	solves <input type="checkbox"/>	has solved <input type="checkbox"/>	have solved <input type="checkbox"/>
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Use a perfect form of the verb **'to surprise'** and complete the following sentence in the past perfect tense.

Past Perfect Tense

I

_____ my sister with a new watch.

Use a perfect form of the verb **'to place'** and complete the following sentence in the present perfect tense.

Present Perfect Tense

Claire

_____ your drink on the table.

Use a perfect form of the verb **'to buy'** and complete the following sentence in the future perfect tense.

Future Perfect Tense

Bilal

_____ too many tickets.

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Use a perfect form of the verb **'to surprise'** and complete the following sentence in the past perfect tense.

Past Perfect Tense

I had surprised my sister with a new watch.

Use a perfect form of the verb **'to place'** and complete the following sentence in the present perfect tense.

Present Perfect Tense

Claire has placed your drink on the table.

Use a perfect form of the verb **'to buy'** and complete the following sentence in the future perfect tense.

Future Perfect Tense

Bilal will have bought too many tickets.

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Change each sentence below into the tense shown by using the perfect form of the verb.

Simple Past Tense

I went to the cinema to see a film.

Past Perfect Tense

Simple Present Tense

They work hard all day.

Present Perfect Tense

Simple Present Tense

Becky walks in the park with her dog.

Present Perfect Tense

Simple Future Tense

He will overcook the potatoes.

Future Perfect Tense

Simple Future Tense

Fred will dig up the carrots by next week.

Future Perfect Tense

Simple Past Tense

You forgot to pack our swimsuits.

Past Perfect Tense

Using the Perfect Form of Verbs

Change each sentence below into the tense shown by using the perfect form of the verb.

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I went to the cinema to see a film.

Past Perfect Tense

I had been to the cinema to see a film.

Simple Present Tense

They work hard all day.

Present Perfect Tense

They have worked hard all day.

Simple Present Tense

Becky walks in the park with her dog.

Present Perfect Tense

Becky has walked in the park with her dog.

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He will overcook the potatoes.

Future Perfect Tense

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Future Perfect Tense

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Simple Past Tense

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Past Perfect Tense

You had forgotten to pack our swimsuits.

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I **had watched** 12 films last week.

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I **have watched** 12 films this week.

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Future Perfect Tense

The future perfect tense is used to talk about things that **will be completed before a set point in the future**.

To use the future perfect tense, use the words '**will have**' and the **past participle** of the verb,

e.g.

I **will have watched** 12 films by the time that the summer holidays are over.

Jen **will have read** 10 books before the end of April.