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Perfect Verb Tenses: Learn and Practice

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Read each question. Circle the best answer.

Perfect Tenses

- Perfect tenses show that an action is finished before a certain time.
- Present perfect uses has or have, past perfect uses had, and future perfect uses will have.
- Then add the past participle, like eaten, gone or played.
- By noon, we will have packed the car.

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C. a form of have D. the word did

2 Which sentence is in the future perfect tense?

A. By June, I will have read ten books.

B. I had read ten books. C. I read ten books.

D. I have read ten books.

3 Which sentence is in the past perfect tense?

A. We had eaten before the movie began.

B. We have eaten lunch.

C. We eat lunch at noon.

D. We will have eaten by noon.

4 Fill in the blank: By the time we arrived, the bus ___.

A. had left B. leaves C. will have left

D. has left

5 Which tense is this? They have planted a garden.

A. future perfect B. past perfect

C. present perfect D. present progressive

6 Fill in the blank: Kai ___ in Ottawa since 2020.

A. lives B. will have lived C. has lived

D. had lived

7 Fill in the blank: By next summer, Ella ___ piano for three years.

A. will have studied B. has studied C. studies

D. had studied

8 Which sentence is in the present perfect tense?

A. She has visited Banff twice.

B. She visited Banff. C. She will visit Banff.

D. She had visited Banff before.

Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for perfect verb tenses and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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Has, have and had are all forms of have. They are the key to perfect tenses.

2 Which sentence is in the future perfect tense?

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Will have read shows an action that will be finished by a future time, June.

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B. We have eaten lunch.

C. We eat lunch at noon.

D. We will have eaten by noon.

Had eaten is past perfect. It shows one past action finished before another.

4 Fill in the blank: By the time we arrived, the bus ___.

A. had left B. leaves C. will have left

D. has left

The bus left before we arrived, and both are in the past, so had left fits.

5 Which tense is this? They have planted a garden.

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Have planted is present perfect, a finished action that still matters now.

6 Fill in the blank: Kai ___ in Ottawa since 2020.

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D. had lived

Since 2020 means from then until now. Has lived connects the past to the present.

7 Fill in the blank: By next summer, Ella ___ piano for three years.

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By next summer points to the future, so will have studied is correct.

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Has visited is present perfect. It links a past action to now.