

Perfect Verb Tenses

The **present perfect tense** expresses an action that happened sometime in the past or an action in the past that continues in the present. This tense is formed by combining **has** or **have** with the past tense of the main verb.

She **has** applied for many jobs at the mall.
I **have** visited my grandparents every summer since I was born.

The **past perfect tense** expresses an action that happened in the past before another past action. This tense is formed by using **had** with the past tense of the main verb.

Mr. Ables **had** already called my mom before I got home.

The **future perfect tense** expresses action that will happen in the future before another action. This tense is formed by using **will have** with the past tense of the main verb.

By next Saturday I **will have** driven more than two thousand miles.

Circle the *perfect tense verb* in each sentence. Then write *present perfect*, *past perfect*, or *future perfect* on the blank to indicate the type of perfect tense.

1. I have flown to Europe many times.

present perfect

2. My family has seen that movie at the theater and at home.

3. You will have slept for six hours by the time I get home.

4. Lori had attended college in Austin before she moved here.

5. I had taken my clothes out of the dryer before dinner.

6. I will have started third grade before my dad returns home.

7. Greg had walked the dog before it rained.

8. The president has spoken to the citizens many times.

9. By next year, I will have finished middle school.

10. The pilot has flown to Australia many times.

11. Eileen had completed her project long before her friend.

12. Dr. Jackson has treated many patients with allergies.

Answers

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2. has seen – present perfect
3. will have slept – future perfect
4. had attended – past perfect
5. had taken – past perfect
6. will have started – future perfect
7. had walked – past perfect
8. has spoken – present perfect
9. will have finished – future perfect
10. has flown – present perfect
11. had completed – past perfect
12. has treated – present perfect