

Verb Tense Review 2 –The Perfect Tenses

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A. Present Perfect & Present Perfect Progressive

Tense	Present Perfect		Present Perfect Progressive		
Diagram	*	-x	*		
Form	Have / Has + Past Parti	ciple	Have / Has + Been + -ing Verb		
Function	An action that starts in the past, continues to the present, and may continue to the future.	An undefined past action (we don't know <i>when</i> the action occurred).	An action starts in the past, continues to the present, and will continue into the future.		
Time Markers	for since all	(none required, though ever, never, already, still, and yet may be used)	forsinceall		
Example	I have studied English for five years.	I have been to Paris.	I have been living in New York City since 2006.		

NOTES

- 1. For and all indicate duration.
 - They have been traveling **for** six months.
 - We've been in a meeting **all** morning.
- 2. **Since** shows the starting point.
 - He has played the guitar since May 2012.
- 3. **Ever** emphasizes "at any time in the past."
 - Have you ever been to Europe?

- 4. **Never** emphasizes "at no time in the past."
 - I've **never** been to Europe.
- 5. **Already** emphasizes that an action has occurred.
 - We have already read this book.
- 6. **Still** and **yet** signify the intention to do something.
 - She **still** hasn't finished the assignment.
 - She hasn't finished the assignment **yet**.



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B. Past Perfect & Past Perfect Progressive

Tense	Past Perfect	Past Perfect Progressive		
Diagram	1 2 X X	1 2 X X		
Form	Had + Past Participle	Had + Been + -ing Verb		
Function	The first past action finished before the second past action.	The first past action continued until the second past action.		
Time Markers	 by the time (Note: The typical past markers when last, yesterday, and ago are before often additionally used.) after 	 by the time when before (Note: The typical progressive markers for and since are often additionally used.) 		
Examples	I had finished dinner by the time he called me last night.	My sister had been studying English for 11 years before she entered university.		

NOTE

In English, it is possible to begin a sentence with either an **independent clause** (with the past perfect/past perfect progressive verb) or a **dependent clause** (with the time marker) with no change in meaning. Remember to use a comma when a sentence begins with a dependent clause.

Examples

- I had finished dinner by the time he called me last night.
- By the time he called me last night, I had finished dinner.
- My sister had been studying English for 11 years before she entered university.
- Before she entered university, my sister had been studying English for 11 years.



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C. Future Perfect & Future Perfect Progressive

Tense	Future Perfect	Future Perfect Progressive		
Diagram	1 2 X X	1 2 X X		
Form	Will + Have + Past Participle	Will + Have + Been + -ing Verb		
Function	The first future action will finish before the second future action.	The first future action will continue until the second future action.		
Time Markers	 by the time (Note: The typical future markers when next, tomorrow, and from now before are often additionally used.) 	 by the time (Note: The typical progressive when marker for is often before additionally used.) 		
Examples	I will have finished dinner by the time she calls me tonight.	I will have been studying for two hours by the time she calls me tonight.		

NOTE

In English, it is possible to begin a sentence with either an **independent clause** (with the future perfect/future perfect progressive verb) or a **dependent clause** (with the time marker) with no change in meaning. Remember to use a comma when a sentence begins with a dependent clause.

Examples

- I will have finished dinner by the time she calls me tonight.
- By the time she calls me tonight, I will have finished dinner.
- I will have been studying for two hours by the time she calls me tonight.
- By the time she calls me tonight, I will have been studying for two hours.





PRESENT PERFECT AND SIMPLE PAST

Write the simple past or present perfect form of the verb in parentheses.

1.	I'm late. The class	has	already		started (start)
2.	l(enroll)	in a course a	a week ago.		
3.		_ you	finish)	prepar	ing your presentation last night?
4.	She(call, not)	me back	yesterday.		
5.	My accountant	(give)	me the tax	k packa	ge.
6.	The athlete	fo	or hours on t	he wee	kend.
7.	I sang while I	(clean)	my house.		
8.	He(hear, not)	the latest	news.		
9.	l(wash)	my face and	l I went to be	d.	
10.		_ you(l	eave)	for Par	is yet?



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Exercise 2

PRESENT PERFECT AND PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

Change the present perfect into the present perfect progressive whenever it's possible.

1.	She has studied French for seven years.	6.	We have made an appointment to meet with the CEO.
	She has been studying French for seven years.		
2.	The old woman has lived in this apartment since 1976.	7.	Our waiter has only come by our table once.
3.	I have never been to this neighborhood before.	8.	Have you already seen this movie?
4.	Our teacher has given us a lot of homework lately.	9.	They have tried to fix the problem.
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5.	My brother has watched TV for the past two hours.	10.	My mother hasn't spoken to me about my behavior yet.

Word List



Exercise 3

PAST PERFECT AND PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

Fill in the blanks with a verb from the box. Use the past perfect or the past perfect progressive tense.

1. The students _____ their final exams before they graduated.

2.	His sister	for eight hours before her alarm clock rang.			• wait
3.	My father	for two hours l	by the ti	me the doctor saw him.	• go • cook
4.	By the time he left work for the de	ay, Mr. Jones		the report.	• sleep ~write~
5.	By the time she arrived at the res	taurant, they		home.	• finish
6.	My aunt	_ for three hours	before e	everyone showed up.	
E	xercise 4				
FU	ITURE PERFECT AND FUTURE PE	RFECT PROGRE	SSIVE		
	nd and correct the error in each fut future perfect progressive sentence	•			
1.	She will have been waiting for two		4.	Her teacher will have graded her	
	hours by the time the doctor saw her. She will have been waiting for two hours			final exam before she apply to u	niversity.
	by the time the doctor sees her.	10015	-		
	by the time the doctor sees her.		-		
2.	Mrs. Cooper will has been travelir by the time she has to return the	_	5.	The class will have been reading Chapter 4 before they begin Cha	
	by the time she has to return the	Teritai car.		Chapter 4 before they begin cha	ipter J.
			_		
3.	My friend will have been feeding		6	By the time they will have been a	going to
٥.	his dog before he takes it to the v	et.	0.	the national competition, the tea will have been playing together	ammates
			_		



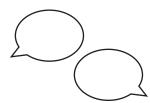
ALL 6 PERFECT TENSES

A. Speaking

Tell your partner about your life's accomplishments and your future plans.

- Talk about your past achievements.
 Use the present perfect, past perfect, and/or past perfect progressive.
- Talk about goals you are working toward now.

 Use the present perfect and/or present perfect progressive.
- Talk about your future plans.
 Use the future perfect and/or future perfect progressive.



Examples:

- I had been learning French for four years by the time I was ten years old.
- I have been married for 14 years.
- I will have traveled all over the world for work before I retire.

B. Writing

Now write about your partner's life achievements and goals in your notebook.

- Write two sentences about past achievements.
 Use the present perfect, past perfect, and/or past perfect progressive.
- Write two sentences about goals he or she is working toward now. Use the present perfect and/or present perfect progressive.
- Write two sentences about future plans.
 Use the future perfect and/or future perfect progressive.



Examples:

- Lisa had received two science awards before she entered high school.
- Lisa has been driving for six years.
- Lisa will have been studying English for 25 years by the time she is 40.



ALL 6 PERFECT TENSES

Make sentences with the verb forms indicated below. Choose a suitable time marker for each sentence. Words in parentheses will be necessary for some tenses, but not for others.

1.	she / finish dinner / he / called
	Past Perfect: She had finished dinner by the time he called.
	Future Perfect: She will have finished dinner by the time he calls.
2.	my cousin / play / the guitar / several years
	Present Perfect:
	Present Perfect Progressive:
3.	everyone / leave / my coworker / lock up
	Past Perfect:
	Future Perfect:
4.	my friend / do / yoga / 1995
	Present Perfect:
	Present Perfect Progressive:
5.	you / sleep / eight hours / I / call / you
	Past Perfect Progressive:
	Future Perfect Progressive:
6.	she / live / overseas / (get married)
	Present Perfect:
	Past Perfect:
	Future Perfect:
7.	he / study / English / for five years / (2010 or 2020)
	Present Perfect Progressive:
	Past Perfect Progressive:
	Future Perfect Progressive:



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Verb Tenses

simple past

simple future

past perfect

simple present

past progressive

future progressivepresent perfect

present perfect progressive

• past perfect progressive

• present progressive

Exercise 7

ALL 12 SIMPLE AND PERFECT TENSES

Write each verb in the correct verb tense to complete the story. Some tenses will be used more than once. If more than one tense is possible, try to list all the possibilities.

My Career Path

When I <u>was</u> a child, I really	2. want			fect fect progressive
to be a ballerina. By the time I 3. be				
I ballet for six years. C	One day, I5. dance	onsta	ge when I	
and 6. fall 7. twist	my ankle. I had to _	8. stop	dancir	ng for a while.
After that, I interested	d in interior design. I	10. spend	hours	
rearranging my mother's furniture. I	a lot by t learn, already	the time I	12. enter	
college to my degree i	in interior design.			
Now I at a design firm	n downtown. I	love m	y job! I	16. work
here for two years. I h	nere for three years by the	he time I	18. get	my own office.
I very satisfied at that	time.			
In my life, I a lot of pra	actice designing and dec	corating rooms	5.	
I I 22. be	quite good at it, too.			
Can you that by the ti	me I24. be	65, I	25. work	_
at the same company for 25 years? At that t	ime, I	I	27. he	ready to retire.







QUIZ: ALL 12 SIMPLE AND PERFECT TENSES

Circle the correct verb tense for each sentence.

1.	By the time she gets this message, we the meeting.	6.	By the time their friend arrived, they for three hours.
	a) will startb) will have been startingc) will have startedd) are starting		a) will have been waitingb) have been waitingc) had been waitingd) are waiting
2.	My roommate must be tired. She for nine hours. a) am sleeping b) has been sleeping c) will have been sleeping d) will be sleeping	7.	When he finishes preparing for his presentation, he home a) will go b) goes c) will have gone d) will have been going
3.	to Japan? a) Have you traveled b) Did you travel c) Are you traveled d) Had you traveled	8.	He was studying for two hours when the doorbell a) rang b) had been ringing c) was ringing d) had rung
4.	Mr. Jacobs here since 1991. a) taught b) will be teaching c) is teaching d) has been teaching	9.	They by the time the university president resigns. a) will have been graduating b) had graduated c) had been graduating d) will have graduated
5.	My husband's cell phone rang while he a) had driven b) had been driving c) was driving d) drove	10.	I what you mean. a) saw b) will be seeing c) see d) am seeing