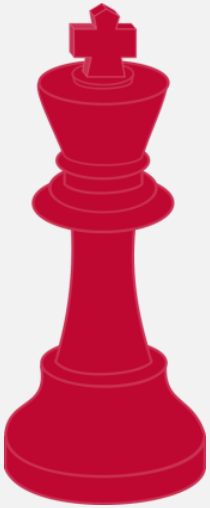
Perfect forms of verbs









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Verb tenses: complete the table for the verbs ‘to talk’ and ‘to run’.

How does the verb change?



Verb	jump	*talk*	*run*
Present tense	I jump He jumps They jump	*I …* *He …* *They …*	
Past tense	I jumped	*I …*	
Future tense	They **will** jump	*They …*	
Progressive verb (can be past or present)	I **am** walking They **were** walking	*I …* *They …*	

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The present perfect

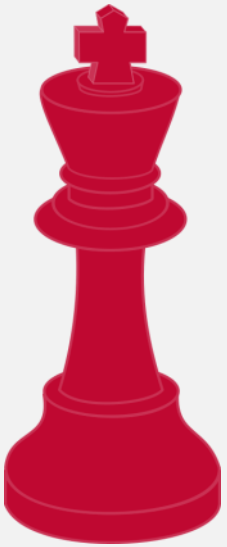
When did these events happen?

I **have drunk** my milk.

I **have eaten** my dinner.

Sam **has entered** the competition.

Sam **has joined** chess club.



- The verbs are all **past participles** and use the extra verbs '**have**' or '**has**'.
- The speaker is talking in the present, about something that happened (was perfected) in the past.

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The present perfect

I **have visited** London.

Place the words '**have**' or '**has**' in front of the **past participle** of the verb.



He (*to walk*) in the forest before.

They (*to swim*) in the river recently.

Joe (*to climb*) the mountain.

Fiona (*to know*) the shopkeeper for a long time.

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Answers

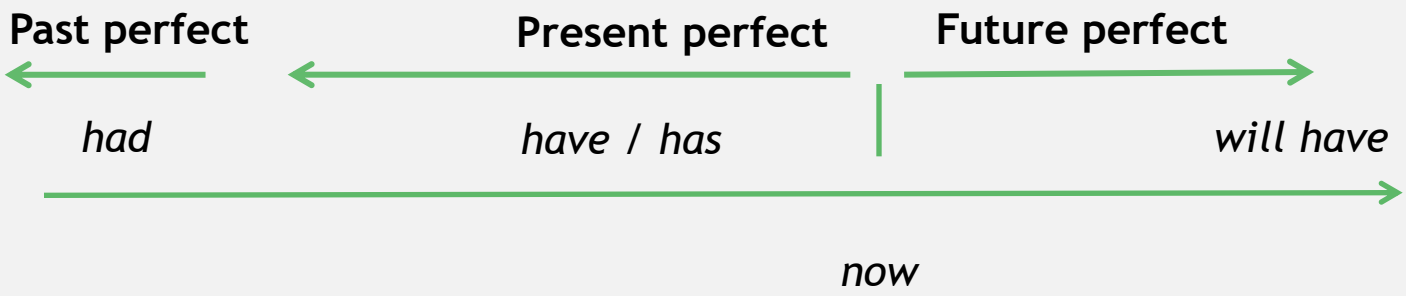
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- They **have swum** in the river *recently*.
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- Fiona **has known** the shopkeeper *for a long time*.



Notice that in the present perfect, something that began in the past has now finished, or is still happening.

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The perfect form connects an event from the past or the future with another point in time.

Perfect form	Example
Past perfect	I **had** arrived at my destination earlier that day.
Present perfect	I **have** arrived at my destination.
Future perfect	I **will have** arrived at my destination by next week.

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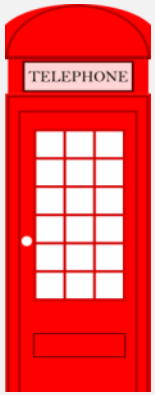
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The past perfect

Something completed in the past, which is connected to another point in time that is also in the past.

After I **had visited** London, I went to Brighton.

Write out the sentences below, with '**had**' in front of the **past participle** of the main verb.



They (***to eat***) in the cafe before walking home.

She (***to buy***) the popcorn before going to the cinema.

Tom (***to climb***) in the Alps before he even attempted Mount Everest.

Jack (***to be***) a gymnast before he started judo.

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Answers

- They **had eaten** in the cafe before walking home.
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The future perfect

Describes something to be completed by some time in the future.

Soon, I will have **visited** three countries in total.

Write out the sentences, with '**will have**' in front of the **past participle** of the main verb.



Laura (*to swim*) the channel by then.

Soon, he (*to collect*) all the vouchers he needs.

They (*to play*) all their matches by the end of the year.

Joe (*to realise*) he can achieve his goals by then.

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Answers

- Laura **will have swum** the channel by then.
- Soon, he **will have collected** all the vouchers he needs.
- They **will have played** all their matches by the end of the year.
- Joe **will have realised** he can achieve his goals by then.



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