

Grammar Worksheet Eleven
Sophomore English

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Past Perfect Tense

Use the past perfect tense to show that one past action ended before another past action began:

- He had bowled six strikes before the game ended.
- Until you bowled that strike, your team had trailed by twenty points.

The past perfect tense is formed using *had* and the past participle of the verb:

had + past participle
had decided
had gone

- Joe had decided to give up his life of crime when he was arrested.
- Cinderella had gone home before the clock struck the hour of midnight.

The Present Perfect Tense

Use the present perfect tense to show that at the present time an action has happened or a condition existed at an indefinite time in the past.

- The mail has come.
- New Englanders have trapped lobsters for hundreds of years.

The present perfect tense is formed using *have* or *has* and the past participle of the verb:

have or has + past participle
(He) has stolen
(They) have broken

The Future Perfect Tense

Use the future perfect tense to show that an action will have happened before a defined point in the future.

- Before New Year's Eve next year you will have forgotten all about this resolution.
- "At the end of the next month I shall¹ have known you for a year," Claudia exclaimed happily.

¹ Remember that the use of *shall* with the first person personal pronouns (*I* and *we*) is more or less an historical footnote (Please note the ironically literal truth of this statement at this point). Claudia is actually very proper, and probably the kind of person who would make you tense if you met her.

The future perfect tense is formed using *shall have* or *will have* and the past participle of the verb:

<u>shall have or will have</u>	+ <u>past participle</u>
(I, we) shall have	returned
(you, she, etc.) will have	fallen

Exercises

Underline the verb phrase in the following sentences and use the following list to identify the verb tense.

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| A. Present | D. Present Perfect |
| B. Future | E. Future Perfect |
| C. Past Perfect | |

1. She has swum in the Caribbean.
2. The children sit in back.
3. He had fallen in love too young.
4. You will have gotten your license by this time next year.
5. Many students drive to school.
6. I shall drive to school.
7. They have gotten out of control.
8. By the end of this trip we shall have driven 3000 miles.
9. I shall have seen 100 movies by the end of this year.
10. I went to the store.
11. I have said it many times before.
12. I completed the task.
13. I sit in the garden.
14. We shall overcome.
15. In the future, they will have expanded their population tenfold.

Write one sentence in each of the following tenses:

16. **Past:**

17. **Present:**

18. **Future:**

19. **Past Perfect:**

20. **Present Perfect:**

21. **Future Perfect:**