



On the LOOKout for Perfect Verbs

Present perfect tense describes an action that happened at an indefinite time in the past or that began in the past and continues in the present. This tense is formed by using has/have with the past participle of the verb.

Example: I **have walked** to the grocery store many times.

Past perfect tense describes an action that took place in the past before another past action. This tense is formed by using had with the past participle of the verb.

Example: By the time the rain started, I **had walked** 2 miles.

Future perfect tense describes an action that will occur in the future before some other action. This tense is formed by using will have with the past participle of the verb.

Example: By the time the marathon is over, I **will have run** 26 miles.

Identify the tense of the perfect verb in the following sentences:

1. By the time the day was over, we had driven all over the animal preserve. Past
2. The birds have flown back and forth across the plains. Present
3. We will have walked for 2 hours by the time we get back to camp. Future
4. After we had ridden through half the park, we stopped to enjoy lunch. Past
5. We will have seen all the animals by the time night falls. Future
6. I had hoped that we would see more elephants. Past
7. The giraffes have eaten all the leaves off the tallest trees. Present
8. After we get back home, I will have visited 3 countries in Africa. Future
9. Even though the days were long, I have enjoyed seeing the wilderness. Present
10. By the time we arrive back at camp, I will have taken one hundred pictures. Future

Convert the verb to past/present/future perfect tense:

1. After we had eaten dinner, we sat around the fire and sang songs.
eat
2. When the sun rises, we will have spent the entire night under the stars.
spend
3. We have cooked breakfast every morning over the fire.
cook
4. By the time we see the lions, the zebras have run to the other side of the field.
run
5. We had packed up all our gear by the time the car came to pick us up.
pack