



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

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

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