

Perfect Tenses

Learn!

Perfect Aspect

The perfect aspect is used to relate a previous event with a main event or point in time.

Past Perfect (*had* + past participle)

When I got to school,
I realized I had left my
homework in my bedroom.
I had wanted a laptop
for two years before my
parents finally got me one.



Present Perfect (*have/has* + past participle)

I have drunk three cans of
soda this morning.
We have lived in this town
for six months.



Future Perfect (*will have* + past participle)

We will have been at this
school for six years by the
time we graduate.
I won't have finished the
project by Monday.



Work it out!

1 Put each letter on the correct line above.

- Describes a past event in an unfinished period of time.
- Describes a future event that will be finished before another future event.
- Describes a past event that took place before another event in the past.

Use!

1 Use the verbs in parentheses in the correct tense.

- In 1967 a South African man received the first heart transplant from a young woman who _____ (die) in a car accident.
- When Peter got home he realized he _____ (lose) his wallet.
- Nina _____ (visit) the factory many times this year.
- By the time we get to the theater, the movie _____ (begin).
- When I got home I wanted some pie, but Mary _____ already _____ (eat) the last piece.
- I _____ (finish) with my homework by the time you arrive.
- They _____ (play) tennis together twice this week.
- By the end of this century, man _____ (land) on Mars.