

Lesson 41

Perfect Tense

Definition: Perfect Tense is a verb tense that is used to refer to an action or state that is completed at the time of speaking or at a time spoken of.

What is the meaning of perfect in perfect tense?

Perfect verb tense is used to show an action that is complete and finished, or perfected. This tense is expressed by adding one of the auxiliary verbs – have, has, or had – to the past participle form of the main verb. For example: *I have seen the movie that was nominated for an Academy Award.*

Pronouns	Active Voice		
	Sequence: Subject + have (has, had) + Past Participle		
	Present	Past	Future
I	have spoken	had spoken	shall have spoken
he	has spoken		will have spoken
she	has spoken		will have spoken
it	has spoken		will have spoken
you	have spoken		will have spoken
we	have spoken		shall have spoken
they	have spoken		will have spoken

Pronouns	Passive Voice		
	Sequence: Subject + have (has, had) + been + Past Participle		
	Present	Past	Future
I	have been spoken	had been spoken	shall have been spoken
he	has been spoken		will have been spoken
she	has been spoken		will have been spoken

it	has been spoken		will have been spoken
you	have been spoken		will have been spoken
we	have been spoken		shall have been spoken
they	have been spoken		will have been spoken

Maker words in Present Perfect Tense

ever	Have you <u>ever</u> been to New York?
never	I have <u>never</u> seen him.
just	He has <u>just</u> started this task.
already	I have <u>already</u> bought a gift.
yet	They haven't finished their project <u>yet</u> .
not yet	- Have you congratulated Bill? - Not yet.
before	I have seen this film <u>before</u> .
lately	He has <u>lately</u> read many books.
of late	They have not spoken <u>of late</u> .
so far	He has <u>so far</u> written ten letters to her.
recently	She has made good progress <u>recently</u> .
by now	She has read all his books <u>by now</u> .
up to now	<u>Up to now</u> I haven't found my keys.
since	I have learnt English <u>since</u> childhood.
still	I've been waiting for an hour and the bus <u>still</u> hasn't come.

Maker words in Past Perfect Tense

if	<u>If</u> Peter had known about his friend's problem, he would help him.
by	Unfortunately, most of audience hadn't stayed <u>by</u> the end of the play.
Hardly ... when	<u>Hardly</u> they had crossed the road <u>when</u> the accident happened.

no sooner ... than	<u>No sooner</u> he had come in <u>than</u> he heard congratulations and his friends gathered around him.
after	<u>After</u> boy had done his homework he went out to play football with his friends.
earlier	She knew how to cook a cake because she had made it <u>earlier</u> .
before	James easily won this game because he had played it many times <u>before</u> .
first	<u>First</u> we had taken all our bags, then understood that we forgot our tickets on the table.
when	John had sat to work <u>when</u> his boss called for him.
just	I <u>just</u> had sat to have lunch when my friend called me.
already	We had <u>already</u> bought a cake when Jill called us and told that she bought a cake too.
yet	I hadn't served the table <u>yet</u> when the guests came.

Maker words in Future Perfect Tense

by	They will have built this house <u>by</u> then.
by the end of	How many pages will you have read <u>by the end of</u> the day?
by tomorrow	They will have sent this document <u>by tomorrow</u> evening.
by X o'clock	I will have translated the article <u>by six o'clock</u> .
by the time	They will have drunk up all the water <u>by the time</u> we come. They will have drunk up all the water <u>by the time</u> she comes.
by the next year	We will have built our new house <u>by the next year</u> .
by then	They will have built this house <u>by then</u> .
before	The pupils will have taken their seats <u>before</u> the lesson starts.
when	Will you have cooked dinner <u>when</u> I come home?
till	You won't have received the letter <u>till</u> Friday morning.
until	He won't have stopped playing <u>until</u> you distract him.

Test: <https://english.best/tests/assessment/tenses/test/perfect-tenses>