

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #39

FOCUS Past Perfect Verbs

The **past perfect verb tense** is a physical or mental action or a state of being that happened before another action or a specific time in the past.

CONNECT TO WRITING

The past perfect verb tense is formed with *had* + the past participle (a verb ending in “__ed,” “__d,” “__t,” or “__en” for regular verbs).

Examples:

I had promised her that I would visit before I learned about the accident.

She had already found her watch when I started looking for it.

Timothy had built another fort by the time I came out to help.

They had given me another chance when they saw how hard I tried.

PRACTICE

Re-write these sentences in the spaces provided, changing each verb to the past perfect tense.

1. The class was already started when the student walked in tardy.

2. I knew by Tuesday that last weekend’s game would be canceled.

3. They had been sharing their feelings about riding skateboards without helmets.

4. By the time I arrived, Louis had already begun painting the back of the house.

WRITE

Compose your own sentence with the past perfect verb tense.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #42

FOCUS Present Perfect Verbs

The **present perfect verb tense** is a physical or mental action or a state of being happening or existing before the present. The present perfect is formed with *has* or *have* + the past participle (a verb ending in “_ed,” “_d,” “_t,” or “_en” for regular verbs).

Example: He *has* already *started* his science project.

CONNECT TO WRITING

The present perfect verb tense has the following uses:

- To describe an action that took place at some unidentified time in the past that relates to the present
Example: The students *have studied* hard for today’s test.
- To describe an action that began in the past but continues to the present
Example: The teachers *have taught* these standards for five years.
- To describe the length of time an action has been in progress up to the present time
This verb form is known as the present perfect progressive tense. It is formed with *has* or *have been* and the *_ing* form of the verb.
Example: The students *have been writing* for over an hour.

PRACTICE

Re-write these sentences in the spaces provided, changing each verb to the present perfect tense.

1. Esmerelda developed a fantastic web site.

2. The ladies have been reuniting in the same place to continue their friendship once every year.

3. The storm was threatening to strike since last night.

WRITE

Compose your own sentence with the present perfect verb tense.

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FOCUS Future Perfect Verbs

The **future perfect verb tense** refers to a physical or mental action or a state of being that will be completed before a specific time in the future. The future perfect is formed with a helping verb such as the modals: *can, could, may, might, must, shall, should, will, and would* + *has* or *have* + with *had* + the past participle (a verb ending in “__ed,” “__d,” “__t,” or “__en” for regular verbs).

Example: *We will have walked* six miles by three-o’clock this afternoon.

CONNECT TO WRITING

The future perfect verb tense either states or implies (suggests without stating) a specific time in the future.

PRACTICE

Cross out the verbs in these sentences and substitute each with the future perfect tense.

-A physical or mental action or a state of being that will be completed before a specific time in the future

1. We ride bikes until our legs begin to ache.
2. They had seen three busses pass their house in ten more minutes.
3. You will tell three stories in front of the class by the end of this year.

-The length of time an action will be in progress up to a specific time in the future

4. They are sleeping for ten hours by this noon.
5. Mother and father gave twenty dollars every month for twenty years by this summer.
6. Not one animal will perform by the time we get to the circus.

WRITE

Compose your own sentence with the future perfect verb tense.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #39 Practice Answers

1. The class had already started when the student walked in tardy.
2. I had known by Tuesday that last weekend's game would be canceled.
3. They had shared their feelings about riding skateboards without helmets.
4. By the time I had arrived, Louis had already begun painting the back of the house.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #40 Practice Answers

1. We try to find the best deals on the Internet.
2. He should listen to what his parents have to say.
3. Carl Sandberg says, "Fog creeps in on little cat feet, and then slowly moves on."
4. I always want my own personal size pizza.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #41 Practice Answers

1. Phoebe is listening to the teacher as she works.
2. I am running down the street to the end of the block when I see my friend.
3. Nina and Berta are giving money to help those in need during the holiday season.
4. Our teammates are practicing a lot for the first game of our season.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #42 Practice Answers

1. Esmerelda has developed a fantastic web site.
2. The ladies have reunited in the same place to continue their friendship once every year.
3. *The storm has threatened to strike since last night.*

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #43 Practice Answers

1. I will leave school at two o'clock for a dentist appointment.
2. I will talk to my friends, but they just won't listen.
3. You will ask for the movie star's autograph.
4. Computer games will grow more and more important to kids.
5. We will hope that the vacation can continue.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #44 Practice Answers

1. We will be running the mile in P.E. today.
2. I will be thinking of you as you celebrate your birthday.
3. Danya and Darla will be watching the movie tonight.
4. They will be volunteering every weekend at the shelter.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #45 Practice Answers

1. will have ridden
2. will have seen
3. will have told
4. will have slept
5. will have given
6. will have performed

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #46 Practice Answers

1. She said, "I usually do chores after school."
2. "They left town," I said, "in a shiny new car."
3. "I can't believe it!" he exclaimed.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #47 Practice Answers

1. Joe and Mandy, our debate leaders, thought we had a good chance.
2. Johnny Mingo, the Australian cowboy, rode his horse off into the sunset.
3. Searching for answers, Louis Pasteur, the famous scientist, carried on.
4. Jim, the butler, served their last meal.
5. Kim and Tom, our two friends, left the concert early.
6. The wonderful teacher, Ms. So, shared the slides with her students.
7. The author has just completed his latest book, The End.
8. That song, "The Swan," lasts six minutes.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #48 Practice Answers

1. Jane, Mike, and Ray pulled the car off to the side.
2. Along the road an old car, two broomsticks, and a funny green-eyed monster stood guard.
3. Take a hike, smell the flowers, and enjoy life for the rest of the afternoon.
4. Joan counted one, two, three, four, five.
5. Blue, green, and yellow are my favorite colors.
6. They ordered eggs, bacon, and wheat toast for breakfast.
7. Mr. Burt called on one of the following students: Jaime, Marta, or Frank.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #49 Practice Answers

1. Whenever the girls called, he went outside to see what they wanted.
2. Then go to bed.
3. Around the block she rode the bicycle.
4. Next, ask about the directions to the factory.
5. Interested, they called the player to check his availability.