

## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #42

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### 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.

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

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

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### WRITE

Compose your own sentence with the present perfect verb tense.

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## **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.