

Time Travel Verbs

Sort verbs that show completed actions.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.1b "Form and use the perfect (e.g., I had walked; I have walked; I will have walked) verb tenses."

NAME _____

DATE _____

USES A PERFECT TENSE

A perfect tense uses has, have, or had with a past participle. It can also use will have with a past participle to show an action completed before a future time.

Rosa has painted a mural.

USES ANOTHER VERB FORM

These verbs do not use the perfect-tense pattern. They do not pair has, have, had, or will have with a past participle.

A comet shines brightly.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence, then circle PERFECT or OTHER to sort its verb form.

1. The train has reached the station.

PERFECT

OTHER

2. Before dinner, we had finished our homework.

PERFECT

OTHER

3. Jordan sketches a map.

PERFECT

OTHER

4. By next June, I will have saved enough money.

PERFECT

OTHER

5. The puppies are chasing a ball.

PERFECT

OTHER

6. My aunt baked bread yesterday.

PERFECT

OTHER

7. We will visit the museum on Saturday.

PERFECT

OTHER

8. The team has practiced for weeks.

PERFECT

OTHER

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

PROVE IT: Choose two numbered items and explain whether each has a perfect-tense helper and a past participle, or does not have that pattern. MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new sentence for each category.

PERFECT

OTHER

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this sentence in the future perfect tense: Lena completes the report before Monday.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The train has reached the station.	PERFECT	Present perfect, has + reached.
2	Before dinner, we had finished our homework.	PERFECT	Past perfect, had + finished.
3	Jordan sketches a map.	OTHER	Simple present tense.
4	By next June, I will have saved enough money.	PERFECT	Future perfect, will have + saved.
5	The puppies are chasing a ball.	OTHER	Present progressive tense.
6	My aunt baked bread yesterday.	OTHER	Simple past tense.
7	We will visit the museum on Saturday.	OTHER	Simple future tense.
8	The team has practiced for weeks.	PERFECT	Present perfect, has + practiced.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **PERFECT:** By Friday, Elena will have completed the poster.
- **OTHER:** The rabbit hops across the grass.

Challenge: Lena will have completed the report before Monday.

Items 1, 2, 4, and 8 are PERFECT. Items 3, 5, 6, and 7 are OTHER, and the Part 3 samples are listed PERFECT first, then OTHER.