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

Write one new sentence for each category.

PERFECT _____

OTHER _____

CHALLENGE

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

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · L.5.1b

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.