

Verb Time Detectives

Sort two verb aspects by their forms.

5.L.GC.1.43 "Grammar: Form and use the progressive, perfect, and perfect progressive verb aspects. (Continue)"

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DATE _____

PERFECT ASPECT

A perfect verb uses has, have, or had with a past-participle verb, such as eaten. It shows an action that happened before a time.

Keisha has folded a blanket.

PERFECT PROGRESSIVE ASPECT

A perfect progressive verb uses has, have, or had been with an -ing verb. It shows an action that continued up to a time.

A rabbit has been hopping across a meadow.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each sentence, circle PERFECT or CONTINUING, then choose two sentences and explain which helping words and verb form show each category.

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| 1. Our team has practiced the cheer. | ☐ PERFECT | ☐ CONTINUING |
| 2. I had misplaced my library card. | ☐ PERFECT | ☐ CONTINUING |
| 3. Dad has been repairing the fence. | ☐ PERFECT | ☐ CONTINUING |
| 4. We have finished the puzzle. | ☐ PERFECT | ☐ CONTINUING |
| 5. Rosa had been waiting for the bus. | ☐ PERFECT | ☐ CONTINUING |
| 6. The clouds have been gathering above town. | ☐ PERFECT | ☐ CONTINUING |
| 7. The chefs have prepared the soup. | ☐ PERFECT | ☐ CONTINUING |
| 8. My cousins have explored the museum. | ☐ PERFECT | ☐ CONTINUING |

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 _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new sentence with a PERFECT verb and one new sentence with a CONTINUING verb.

PERFECT

CONTINUING

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about the same activity, one with a PERFECT verb and one with a CONTINUING verb.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Our team has practiced the cheer.	PERFECT	Has practiced uses has plus a past participle.
2	I had misplaced my library card.	PERFECT	Had misplaced uses had plus a past participle.
3	Dad has been repairing the fence.	CONTINUING	Has been repairing uses has been plus an -ing verb.
4	We have finished the puzzle.	PERFECT	Have finished uses have plus a past participle.
5	Rosa had been waiting for the bus.	CONTINUING	Had been waiting uses had been plus an -ing verb.
6	The clouds have been gathering above town.	CONTINUING	Have been gathering uses have been plus an -ing verb.
7	The chefs have prepared the soup.	PERFECT	Have prepared uses have plus a past participle.
8	My cousins have explored the museum.	PERFECT	Have explored uses have plus a past participle.

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:** Liam has collected three stamps.
- **CONTINUING:** The gardeners have been watering roses since dawn.

Challenge: Before lunch, Omar had washed the dishes. For an hour before lunch, Omar had been washing the dishes.

Accept explanations that identify has, have, or had plus a past participle for PERFECT. For CONTINUING, students should identify has, have, or had been plus an -ing verb.