

Past & Present Perfect Tense

Warm-up



The Rule

To change a sentence from the past tense into the present perfect tense, you need to use:

'has' or 'have' + a past tense verb = present perfect tense

The alien **won** the hide-and-seek contest.

The alien **has won** the hide-and-seek contest.

The aliens **sneaked** into the restaurant.

The aliens **have sneaked** into the restaurant.



What Does This Sentence Tell You?

The sentence below is written in the **past tense**.

Timmy **was** in his spaceship for twenty years.



But what if it is still happening?
What if Timmy is still in his spaceship?
Change this sentence into the **present perfect tense**.

Changing Tense

If something that initially happened in the past is still continuing in the present, we need to use the **present perfect tense**.

A cartoon illustration of a green alien with a red cap and a blue shirt, sitting in a small, grey, saucer-shaped spaceship. The alien is waving with its right hand. The spaceship has three glowing white lights on its underside.

Timmy **was** in his spaceship for twenty years.

To **change** a sentence from the past sentence into the **present perfect tense**, you need to:

Replace the verb with 'has' or 'have' and the correct past tense form.

Timmy **was** **has been** in his spaceship for twenty years.

Past to Present Perfect

The sentence below is written in the **past tense**.
Can you change it into the **present perfect tense**?

The aliens **landed** on the planet Zigtog.

Remember, to create the present perfect tense you need to use either 'has' or 'have' plus another past tense verb.

Past to Present Perfect

If we change just '**landed**' to '**have landed**', the sentence changes into the **present perfect tense**.

The aliens **landed** on the planet Zigtog.

The aliens **have landed** on the planet Zigtog.

Using the **present perfect tense** here shows that the action has finished but the result of the action (their presence on the planet) is **still happening** now.

Past to Present Perfect

Look at the verbs in the table below. Using the rules, can you change them from the **past tense** into the **present perfect tense**?

| Past Tense | Present Perfect Tense |
|------------|-----------------------|
| walked | have walked |
| jumped | have jumped |
| was | have been |
| sprinted | have sprinted |
| tested | have tested |
| grow | have grown |
| did | have done |

Did you notice how some of the examples changed slightly?
These are **irregular** verbs. Watch out for them!

They Have Been Matched!

Use your memory skills to uncover these pairs of **past tense** and **present perfect tense** verbs. Which verbs are irregular? Click the squares to hide and unhide. Tick the words off as you match them.

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spoke



did



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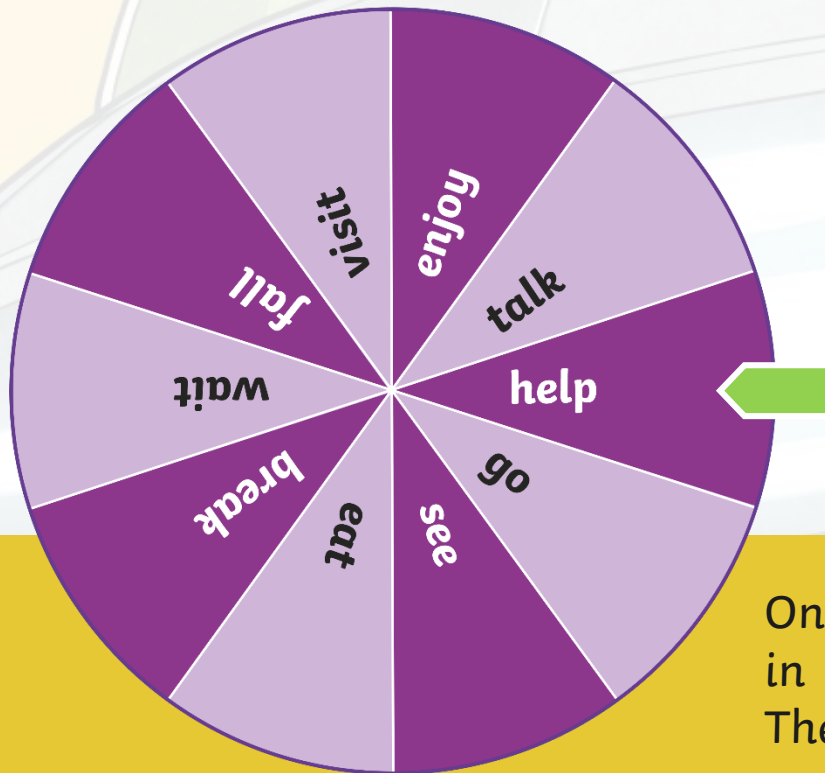
saw



made

They Have Been Matched!

Spin the wheel to select a verb.



Spin

On your whiteboards, write the verb in the **past tense** within a sentence. Then, change that sentence to the **present perfect tense**.

Match the Sentences

Match the sentence which uses the verb in the **past tense** to the sentence which uses the same verb in the **present perfect tense**.

Mum sold her house last weekend.

I brought a lot of toys on holiday with me.

My little sister bit me when she was feeling cross.

Dad froze some fruit juice when it was warm outside.

Jill decorated the cake for the summer baking competition.

My neighbour's dog **has bitten** the postman.

"You **have brought** too many unhealthy snacks for lunch," said Mrs Riaz.

The bank **have frozen** our account whilst they investigate.

We have **sold** so many ice creams this morning.

Kimmy **has decorated** almost all of the rooms in her flat.

Can you make one example of your own?

A Tense Match

While being interviewed after football match, this reporter talked about what he saw in the **past tense**. Can you change his recount into the **present perfect tense**, as if the match is still happening?



I arrived at the football stadium.
The fans talked and shouted since
the beginning of the match. Kidman
passed the ball to Dietrich. He kicked
it across the halfway line. Jorge took
a shot for the goal and missed! The
fans lost all hope.

A Tense Match

Did you manage to change his recount into the **present perfect tense**, as if the match is still happening?

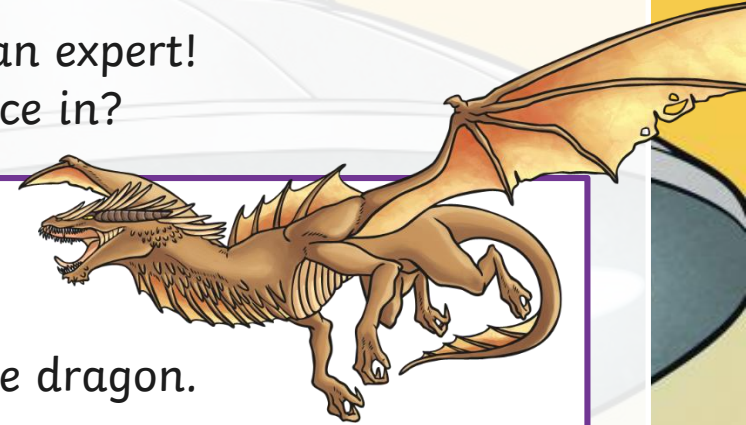


I **have** arrived at the football stadium. The fans **have talked** and **have shouted** since the beginning of the match. Kidman **has passed** the ball to Dietrich. He **has kicked** it across the halfway line. Jorge **has taken** a shot for the goal and **has missed**! The fans **have lost** all hope.

Past and Present Perfect Tense Quiz

Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!
Which tense is this sentence in?

George successfully fought the dragon.



Past

Present Perfect

You're correct. How do you know?

Past and Present Perfect Tense Quiz

Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!
Which tense is this sentence in?



Heidi has blown out half of the candles on her birthday cake.

Past

Present Perfect

You're correct. How do you know?

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Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!
Which tense is this sentence in?



Dayle has posted three hundred flyers about his missing cat.

Past

Present Perfect

You have become sensational!

Past and Present Perfect Tense Quiz

Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!
Which tense is this sentence in?

It cost Harry £60 to replace the fence.

Past

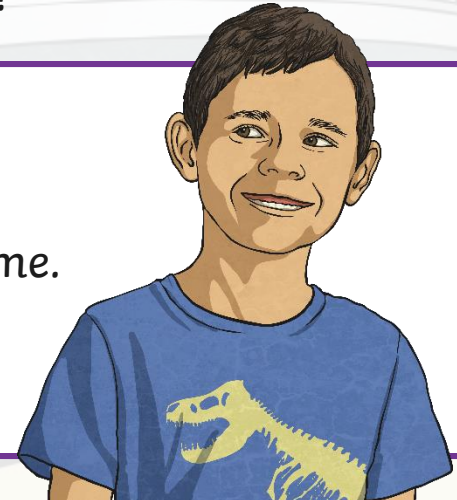
Present Perfect

Wow! Go you!

Past and Present Perfect Tense Quiz

Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!
Which tense is this sentence in?

I understood what was asked of me.



Past

Present Perfect

That was tricky. Well done!

Past and Present Perfect Tense Quiz



Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!
Which tense is this sentence in?

Neil has dreamed of being an astronaut since he was a child.

Past

Present Perfect

Our work here is done. You are the master of tenses.

