

Simple Past

and

Present Perfect Tenses

WALT: Use the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the simple past tense.

WILF: I can identify verbs in a sentence. I know if a verb tense refers to past or present action. I understand the terms 'present perfect tense' and 'simple past tense'. I can choose the appropriate tense for my sentence.

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**.



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
grew	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!

Find pairs of **past tense** and **present perfect tense** verbs. Which verbs are irregular?

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have
done

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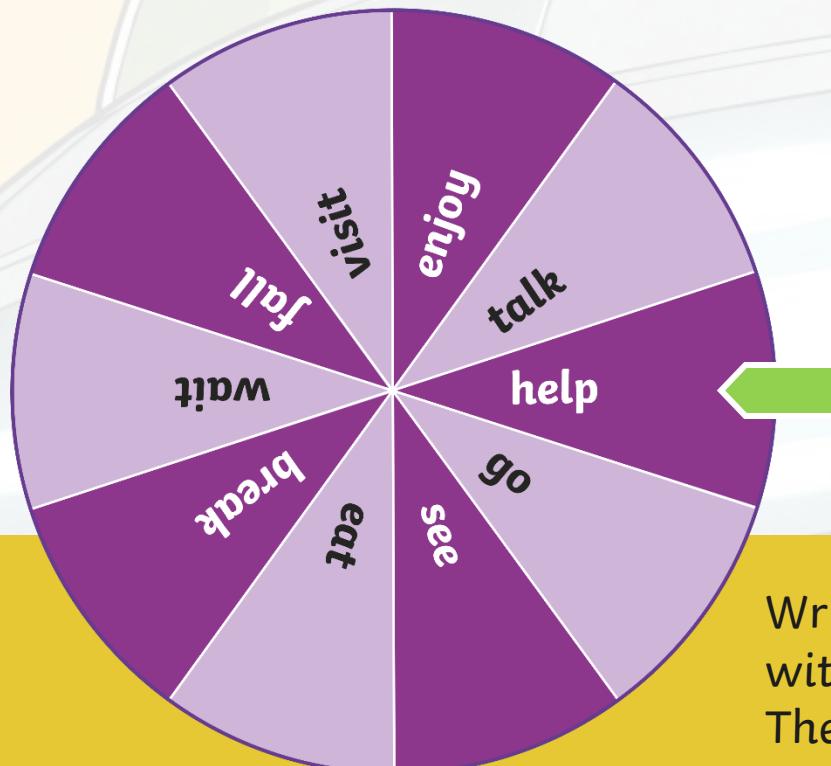
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They Have Been Matched!

Spin the wheel to select a verb.



Spin

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.

Kimberley 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 Smith.

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

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

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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.
Rashford passed the ball to Messi .
He kicked it across the halfway line.
Ronaldo 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?

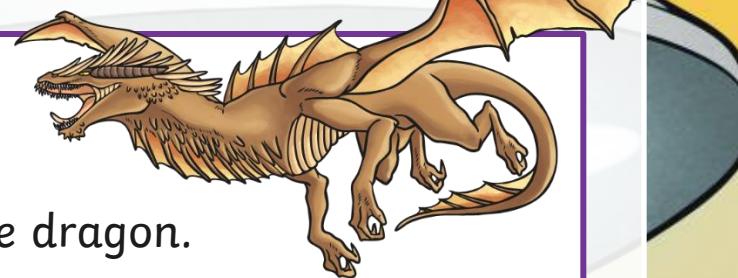


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Past and Present Perfect Tense Quiz

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?

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

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Dayle has posted three hundred flyers about his missing cat.

Past

Present Perfect

You have become sensational!

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Which tense is this sentence in?

It cost Harry £60 to replace the fence.

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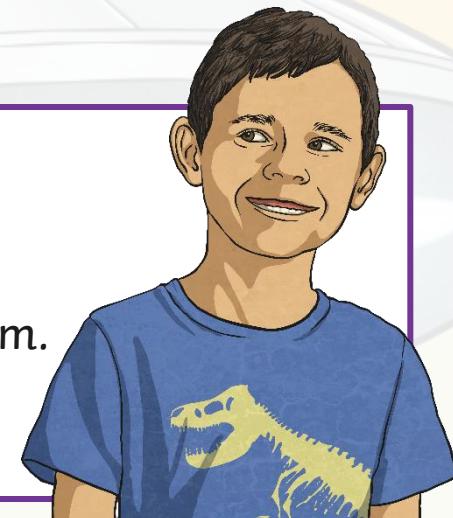
Wow! Go you!

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Which tense is this sentence in?

I

Carel understood what was asked of him.



Past

Present Perfect

That was tricky. Well done!

Past and Present Perfect Tense Quiz

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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.

Plenary

What have we learned?

When do we use **simple past** tense?

When do we use **present perfect** tense?

Can you think of your own examples/
sentences?

