AET Formative work on Verb Tenses

Do you know your verb tenses with regular verbs? Some information.

Most **regular verbs** form their past tense by adding **-ed** to the present-tense form of the verb. Examples of this include walked, talked, and recalled. If a regular verb ends in "**e**," as in *bathe* or *wave*, simply add "**d**" to form the past tense. In addition to the present simple (which expresses action that is routine | (scientific)truth or timetables) tense, as in, "*We remember that story*,"[that's the truth!] and the past (expresses an action that has already happened at a specific past date or idea) tense, as in, "*We remembered the story granny used to tell us*," there are other verb tenses that you should know.

Following are definitions and some examples of these additional verb tenses:

Present Perfect: expresses action that was completed at some other time, or action that started in the past and continues in the present. Add *has* or *have* [to convey the idea of present] to the *past participle* form of the verb [to convey the idea of past] to make the present perfect. *I have climbed that small mountain every weekend since last April.* >>> I started climbing last April and I go on climbing the mountain at the present time.

Past Perfect: expresses action that happened before another past action. Add *had* to the *past participle* form of the verb. *We had walked up that hill before they did.*

Future Simple: expresses action that will happen in the future at an unknown time. *I will walk with you soon.*

Future Perfect: expresses action that will be completed by a given time in the future. Add *shall have* or *will have* to the *past participle*. *I will have reached school by then.*

Activity: selecting the correct verb tense!

Underline, or click (if online) the correct verb in each sentence. You may find irregular verbs in some sentences.

1. The commercial was (air | aired) five times last night.

2. Can you tell me if the forensics students have (review | had reviewed | reviewed) the evidence?

3. Each of the carpenters has (help | helped | have helped) with this project since its beginning.

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4. Were these models (suppose | supposed | had supposed) to be here this early?

5. Many of these windows (needed | has needed | need) a thorough washing every month.

6. The chef (slice | sliced | have sliced) the roast beef early this morning.

7. We were (imagine | imagining | imagined) what you were doing at that same time.

8. Some of the newspapers (has been moved | have been moved) to the recycling bin.

9. Will our brother (invite | invited | shall invite) Mina to this year's prom?

10. Vector and his rock band (had sanged | sang | had sung) at that festival last August.

11. Just checking: Have most of these light bulbs (replaced | been replaced | were replaced) during this past school year?

12. Yesterday when we went for a walk, we noticed the ducks that are in the pond behind my teacher's house were (quacking | quacked | quack) quite loudly.

13. Our insurance manager (has been reviewing | review | reviews) our policy for several hours.

14. Joe (fell | had fallen | will have fallen) on that slippery floor two days ago.

15. Charlotte (has been painting | have painted | will have painted) portraits for several years now.



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