PERFECT TENSES OF VERBS

The **tense** of a verb shows the time of an action or a condition. Each of the **perfect tenses** describes an action or a condition that was or will be completed before a certain time, or a past action or condition that continues into the present.

Perfect tenses are formed by adding a form of the verb *have* to the past participle of the main verb.

VERB TENSE	EXAMPLE
present perfect: action in the past that continues into the present	I <u>have asked</u> three people for Will's phone number.
past perfect: an action in the past that ended before another past action	I <u>had asked</u> Keisha, but she didn't have the number.
future perfect: action in the future that will have ended before a certain point in time	If I ask someone else, I <u>will have asked</u> four people for his number.

A. **Directions: Underline the perfect tense verbs in each sentence, and write the form of the verb on the line provided**.

1. _____ I have heard of the lost city of Atlantis.

2. _____ I had not thought about it for years.

3. _____ Soon I will have read almost everything on the subject.

4. _____ Atlantis and Athens had been rivals.

5. _____ There have been many references to this strange place in myths.

6. _____ I have taken swimming lessons since October.

7. _____ By June 20, I will have attended thirty lessons.

8. _____ My teacher has complimented me on my backstroke.

9. _____ As of next month, I will have raced in several events.

10. _____ I am happy with my progress, just as I had hoped before starting out.

B. **Directions: Underline the appropriate verb in parentheses.**

1. She (had gone, has gone) to Europe many times.

2. Cole (will have finished, had finished) the assignment by tomorrow.

3. Kate (will have stopped, has stopped) her daily exercise routine for now.

4. I (had walked, will have walked) every day until yesterday.

5. Lillian (will have visited, has visited) you three times by next month.