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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</u> asked 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.

- _____ I have heard of the lost city of Atlantis.
- _____ I had not thought about it for years.
- _____ Soon I will have read almost everything on the subject.
- _____ Atlantis and Athens had been rivals.
- _____ There have been many references to this strange place in myths.
- _____ I have taken swimming lessons since October.
- _____ By June 20, I will have attended thirty lessons.
- _____ My teacher has complimented me on my backstroke.
- _____ As of next month, I will have raced in several events.
- _____ I am happy with my progress, just as I had hoped before starting out.

B. Directions: Underline the appropriate verb in parentheses.

- She (had gone, has gone) to Europe many times.
- Cole (will have finished, had finished) the assignment by tomorrow.
- Kate (will have stopped, has stopped) her daily exercise routine for now.
- I (had walked, will have walked) every day until yesterday.
- Lillian (will have visited, has visited) you three times by next month.