

1b THE PERFECT ASPECT

Exercise 1: Use the **simple past** or the **present perfect**. In some sentences either tense is possible but the meaning is different.

1. I (not attend) _____ any parties since I came here.
2. I (go) _____ to a party at Sally's apartment last Saturday night.
3. Bill (arrive) _____ here three days ago.
4. Bill (be) _____ here since the 22nd.
5. Try not to be absent from class again for the rest of the term. You (miss, already) _____ too many classes. You (miss) _____ two classes just last week.
6. Last January, I (see) _____ snow for the first time in my life.
7. I (know) _____ Greg Adams for ten years.
8. So far this week, I (have) _____ two tests and a quiz.
9. The science of medicine (advance) _____ a great deal in the 19th century.
10. Since the beginning of the 20th century, medical scientists (make) _____ many important discoveries.

Exercise 2: Complete the story with past simple or past perfect.

1. On February 1 last year Jenny _____ (go) to Taiwan on business.
2. She _____ (book) her ticket a week before at the travel agent.
3. She _____ (leave) home at eight o'clock and _____ (get) to the airport just before nine.
4. At the check in desk the clerk _____ (ask) her if she _____ (want) a smoking or non-smoking seat.
5. She _____ (ask) for non-smoking as she _____ (give up) smoking two years earlier.
6. The clerk then _____ (ask) for her passport.
7. She _____ (look) in her coat pockets and in her hand bag but she _____ (cannot/ find) it. She _____ (leave) it at home !
8. She _____ (try/call) her husband on her mobile phone but he _____ (already leave) for work.
9. She _____ (decide) to look in her luggage, and as she _____ (pull out) her other coat, her passport _____ (fall) out !
10. She _____ (put) it in the wrong coat pocket. Feeling very relieved she _____ (hand) it to the clerk and _____ (finish) checking in.

Exercise 3: FUTURE PERFECT: What will they have done?

Write a, b or c in the gap and read the completed sentences.

1. By Wednesday afternoon, Tom _____ four people.
a will have interviewed b will interview c will be interviewed
2. By tomorrow night Jenny _____ four articles.
a will be written b will have written c won't have been writing
3. When the newspaper comes out, they _____ on it for six weeks.
a will work b will have been working c won't have been working
4. They hope that by the end of next week they _____ 2,000 copies.
a will be sold b will have sold c won't have sold

Exercise 4: Put the verb into the correct PERFECT verb form.

1. I _____ (study) Japanese before I took this class.
2. We _____ (have) a lot of trouble because we _____ (lose) our passports.
3. Brian _____ (know) many people at the club because he _____ (be) there many times.
4. They _____ (study) English before they _____ (move) to Canada.
5. We _____ (get) into the restaurant only because we _____ (reserve) our places.
6. I _____ (be) to India before 1986.