**Romeo and Juliet: Act 3**

**Year 5 and Year 6**

**Grammar Exercise: Present Perfect and Past Perfect Verbs**

**Verb Words that show actions, motions, doing, or states of being. They can also demonstrate how someone feels.**

**A sentence cannot work without an action verb**

The three main verb tenses in English are

* **the present tense (what is happening now or when something happens regularly)-** I am dancing
* **the past tense-** (what has already happened) I danced
* **the future tense- (things that haven’t happened yet)** I will dance

The verb tense tells when the action or state described by the verb happened.

**The 'perfect' tenses (present perfect, past perfect and future perfect) are usually used to talk about actions that are completed by the present or a particular point in the past or future.**

**THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE: Used to**

* **talk about our experiences in a way that does not refer to when they happened,**

**e.g. *I have never been into the Capulet’s home.***

* **talk about an action which started in the past and is continuous up until now**

**e.g. *I have worked for the Capulets for ten years***

* **talk about something that has happened in the past but has a result in the present**

**e.g. *I have lost my friends***

To form the present perfect tense we use the present form of the verb

‘to have’ + the past participle of the main verb (I have **danced** / We have danced).

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| **PRESENT** PERFECT | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| I have danced | We have danced |
| You have danced | You have danced |
| He/she/it has danced | They have danced |

**THE PAST PERFECT TENSE: Used to talk about an event that was completed in the past before something else happened,**

**e.g. *I had just finished dancing with Paris when a mysterious man walked in.***

To form the past perfect tense we use the past form of the verb

‘to have’ + the past participle of the main verb (I had **danced** / We had **danced**).

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| **PAST** PERFECT | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| I had danced | We had danced |
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**THE FUTURE PERFECT TENSE**

To form the future perfect tense we use the future form of the verb

‘to have’ + the past participle of the main verb (I will have **danced** / We will have **danced**).

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| **FUTURE** PERFECT | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| I will have danced | We will have danced |
| You will have danced | You will have danced |
| He/she/it will have danced | They will have danced |

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| **PRESENT** PERFECT | **Singular** | **Plural** |
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**Exercise 1: Draw lines to show which sentence is written in the present, the ‘present perfect’ and the ‘past perfect’.**

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

1. Benvolio and Mercutio are walking the dusty streets of Verona.

Benvolio and Mercutio have walked the dusty streets of Verona.

Benvolio and Mercutio had walked the dusty streets of Verona.

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

1. Tybalt has shouted at Mercutio.

Tybalt shouted at Mercutio.

Tybalt had shouted at Mercutio

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

1. Romeo arrived to see Tybalt and Mercutio arguing.

Romeo had arrived to see Tybalt and Mercutio arguing.

Romeo has arrived and has seen Tybalt and Mercutio arguing.

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

1. Romeo had killed Tybalt

Romeo has killed Tybalt.

Romeo killed Tybalt.

1. Prince Escalus arrived to see blood on the streets.

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

Prince Escalus has arrived and has seen blood on the streets.

Prince Escalus had arrived and seen blood on the streets

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

1. Juliet has awaited news of her beloved Romeo.

Juliet is awaiting news of her beloved Romeo.

Juliet has awaited news of her beloved Romeo.

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

1. Juliet is told Romeo killed her cousin.

Juliet has been told that Romeo has killed her cousin.

Juliet had been told that Romeo had killed her cousin.

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

1. Romeo is banished.

Romeo had been banished.

Romeo has been banished.

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

1. Romeo asks Friar Laurence for help.

Romeo had asked Friar Laurence for help.

Romeo has asked Friar Laurence for help.

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

1. Lord Capulet says Juliet must marry Paris.

Lord Capulet has said Juliet must marry Paris.

Lord Capulet had said Juliet must marry Paris.

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**Grammar Exercise: Identifying Past Perfect**

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| I have danced | We have danced |
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**Exercise 2: Read the passage below. Underline the verb form that is in the past perfect in the passage below. The first one has been done for you.**

The temperature had risen in the square that day. Trouble seemed to hang in the air along with the heat-and Benvolio had sensed it.

“I pray thee, good Mercutio, let’s retire; the day is hot, the Capulets abroad, and if we meet, we shall not ‘scape a brawl.”

Mercutio had laughed at his cautious friend. What had he, the great Mercutio, to fear from the Capulets? Why should he move? He was having far too good a time to leave…… let them steer clear if they wanted.

Suddenly, Benvolio had gasped. He had seen Tybalt and the Capulets coming towards them.

Mercutio had claimed he didn’t care.But,Tybalt had come for revenge and nothing else would do. And if Romeo wasn’t there, well then, Romeo’s great friend Mercutio was the next best thing. Mercutio had been only too happy to oblige. That Tybalt had been one of the two most skillful swordsmen in Verona didn’t worry Mercutio. He had been the other.

Mindful of the Prince’s death sentence, Benvolio had tried to divert them.

“Withdraw unto some private place!” he urged them, “here all eyes gaze on us.”

Mercutio had laughed.

“Let them gaze, I will not budge for no man’s pleasure I.”

But then, Tybalt’s eyes had lit up. A greater prize had just arrived; here came his man, his much hated enemy. Oh, how he had longed for this moment! How he had thought about what he would do! The fingers of his sword hand had twitched happily…