

JULIUS CAESAR: ACT 3 YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4

GRAMMAR EXERCISE: PRESENT PERFECT VERBS

L.I. To identify and use present 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 to Ilyria*
- talk about an action which started in the past and is continuous up until now
e.g. *I have worked for Duke Orsino 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 brother*

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 cried**/ We **have cried**).

PRESENT PERFECT	Singular	Plural
	I have cried	We have cried
	You have cried	You have cried
	He/she/it has cried	They have cried

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**).

PAST PERFECT	Singular	Plural
	I had cried	We had cried
	You had danced	You had cried
	He/she/it had cried	They had cried

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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	I will have cried	We will have cried
	You will have danced	You will have cried
	He/she/it will have cried	They will have cried

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EXERCISE 1: CIRCLE THE SENTENCE WHICH IS WRITTEN IN THE 'PRESENT PERFECT'

1. Caesar is walking to the Senate.
Caesar has walked to the Senate.
2. Caesar has been in a good mood.
Caesar is in a good mood.
3. Cassius, Casca and Cinna whispered in secret.
Cassius, Casca and Cinna have whispered in secret.
4. Brutus has told Cassius he is worried their plot will be exposed.
Brutus told Cassius he is worried their plot will be exposed.
5. The conspirators have fallen upon Caesar.
The conspirators fall upon Caesar.
6. Cassius tells everyone to shout the news of Caesar's death.
Cassius has told everyone to shout the news of Caesar's death.
7. Brutus says Mark Antony should come back and meet them.
Brutus has said Mark Antony should come back and meet them.
8. Julius Caesar's coffin is carried through the marketplace.
Julius Caesar's coffin has been carried through the marketplace.

EXERCISE 2: REWRITE EACH SENTENCE, CHANGING IT FROM THE 'PAST TENSE' TO THE 'PAST PERFECT'

Example:

Brutus and Cassius **breathed** a sigh of relief.-*past tense*

Brutus and Cassius **had breathed** a sigh of relief.-*perfect past*

1. Popilius asked to speak to Caesar.

2. Caesar laughed!

3. Brutus decided Mark Antony should speak.

4. Mark Antony waited for the crowd to go silent.

5. "I say to him not that I loved Caesar *less*, but that I loved Rome *more*"

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