

Macbeth: 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 Macbeth's castle*
- talk about an action which started in the past and is continuous up until now e.g. *I have worked for the Macbeths 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 family*

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**).

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	I had cried	We had cried
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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**).

FUTURE PERFECT	Singular	Plural
	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. Macbeth and Banquo are walking home across the heathland
Macbeth and Banquo have walked home across the heathland
2. Macbeth has shouted at Banquo.
Macbeth shouted at Banquo.
3. Macbeth and Banquo saw three strange witches.
Macbeth and Banquo have seen three strange witches.
4. Macbeth has killed King Duncan.
Macbeth killed King Duncan.
5. Macduff arrived to see blood on the castle floor.
Macduff has arrived and has seen blood on the castle floor
6. Lady Macbeth is awaiting news from Macbeth.
Lady Macbeth has awaited news from Macbeth.
7. Fleance is told Macbeth killed his dad.
Fleance has been told that Macbeth has killed his dad.
8. Macbeth has seen Banquo's ghost.
Macbeth saw Banquo's ghost.

Exercise 2: Re write each sentence, changing it from the 'past tense' to the 'perfect past'

Macbeth killed King Duncan.

Macbeth has killed King Duncan

1. The guests waited for news of Macbeth.

2. Macbeth saw the murderer.

3. Lady Macbeth stood up.

4. The guests started to leave .

5. Macduff went to England to raise an army.

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Macbeth and Banquo have walked home across the heathland

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The guests have started to leave.

10. Macduff went to England to raise an army.

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