

Macbeth: 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 crying
- **the past tense-** (what has already happened) I cried
- **the future tense-** (things that haven't happened yet) I will cry

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**).

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 cried	You 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 cried	You will have cried
	He/she/it will have cried	They will have cried

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Exercise 1: Draw lines to show which sentence is written in the present, the 'present perfect' and the 'past perfect'.

1. Macbeth and Banquo are walking across the heathland.

Macbeth and Banquo have walked across the heathland.

Macbeth and Banquo had walked across the heathland.

Present
Present Perfect
Past perfect

2. Macbeth has shouted at Banquo.

Macbeth shouts at Banquo.

Macbeth had shouted at Banquo

Present
Present Perfect
Past perfect

3. Macbeth and Banquo see three strange witches.

Macbeth and Banquo have seen three strange witches.

Macbeth and Banquo had seen three strange witches.

Present
Present Perfect
Past perfect

4. Macbeth kills King Duncan

Macbeth has killed King Duncan.

Present
Present Perfect
Past perfect

Macbeth had killed King Duncan.

5. Macduff arrives to see blood on castle floor.

Macduff has arrived and has seen blood on the castle floor.

Macduff had arrived and seen blood on the castle floor.2

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

6. Lady Macbeth awaits news from Macbeth.

Lady Macbeth has awaited news from Macbeth.

Lady Macbeth had awaited news from Macbeth.

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

7. Fleance is told Macbeth killed his dad.

Fleance had been told that Macbeth killed his dad.

Fleance has been told that Macbeth has killed his dad.

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

8. Macbeth sees Banquo's ghost.

Macbeth has seen Banquo's ghost.

Macbeth had seen Banquo's ghost.

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

9. Banquo and Fleance are riding.

Banquo and Fleance have been riding.

Banquo and Fleance had been riding.

Present

Present Perfect

Past perfect

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answers

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| <p>2. Macbeth has shouted at Banquo.</p> <p>Macbeth shouts at Banquo.</p> <p>Macbeth had shouted at Banquo</p> | <p>Present</p> <p>Present Perfect</p> <p>Past perfect</p> |
| <p>3. Macbeth and Banquo see three strange witches.</p> <p>Macbeth and Banquo have seen three strange witches.</p> <p>Macbeth and Banquo had seen three strange witches.</p> | <p>Present</p> <p>Present Perfect</p> <p>Past perfect</p> |
| <p>4. Macbeth kills King Duncan</p> <p>Macbeth has killed King Duncan.</p> <p>Macbeth had killed King Duncan.</p> | <p>Present</p> <p>Present Perfect</p> <p>Past perfect</p> |
| <p>5. Macduff had arrived and seen blood on the castle floor.</p> <p>Macduff has arrived and has seen blood on the castle floor.</p> <p>Macduff arrives to see blood on castle floor</p> | <p>Present</p> <p>Present Perfect</p> <p>Past perfect</p> |
| <p>6. Lady Macbeth had awaited news from Macbeth</p> <p>Lady Macbeth has awaited news from Macbeth.</p> | <p>Present</p> <p>Present Perfect</p> <p>Past perfect</p> |

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