The Present and Past Perfect Tenses



The Present Perfect Tense

Look at the words in red in the following conversation.

Rani: It is raining since morning.

Soham: I know. That's why I always carry an umbrella.

Rani: Do you want to play Monopoly?

Soham: Oh, no. I have never played board games before.

Rani: But why do you want to go back so soon?

Soham: I am worried about Kitty. He has been sick since last week.

Rani: Don't worry. I am sure she is fine and has gone to sleep.



The Present Perfect Tense

***have/has* + the *past participle* form of the verb**

- Describes an action that happened at an unspecified time before now. The exact time is not important.

Examples:

- I have read that book at least five times.
- I have seen many documentaries on Africa.



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Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the present perfect tense.

1. Rani …….. (broken) her arm.
2. I …… (make) several calls but she isn't answering.
3. We …… (meet) before, haven't we?
4. I …… (not/eat) anything since morning.



The Past Perfect Tense

Look at the words in red in the following conversation.

- She had studied Japanese when she was in class 5.
- Sheena had worked at the big store before continuing with her graduate studies.



The Past Perfect Tense

***had* + the *past participle* form of the verb**

- Expresses that something occurred before another action in the past.
- It can also show that something happened before a specific time in the past.

Event A	Event B
Rani had left…	…when I arrived at her house.
Event A	**Event B**
I had saved some money…	…because I wanted a new bike.

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Fill in the blanks with the suitable past tense form of the verb in brackets.

1. Sethu …… (called) the police before the lights went out.
2. Kristine ……(be)to an opera before last night.
3. We …… (have) that car for ten years before it broke down.
4. I ……. (left) my wallet at home.

