

Grammar gameshow revision

These questions are focused on ones which we found tricky in the last test **but we won't in the next test.** There will be a gameshow competition based around these types of questions. **Who will walk away with the prize...?**

Types of tenses

What is simple past tense?

Simple Past is also known as **Past Simple** and describes events which happened at a specific time but are now completed. For example:

I played

You played (singular)

He/She/It played

We played

You played (plural)

They played

What is simple present tense?

The **Simple Present** (also known as **Present Simple**) can be used to describe something that happens regularly, to give an instruction, to describe something that has been arranged or to talk about the future after certain conjunctions have been used (after, when, before, as soon as, until). For example:

I play

You play (singular)

He/She/It plays

We play

You play (plural)

They play

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What is past perfect tense?

Past Perfect describes completed events of the past which happened before another action took place.

'had' + a past tense verb = past perfect tense

For example:

I had played

You had played (singular)

He/She/It had played

We had played

You had played (plural)

They had played

What is present perfect tense?

The **Present Perfect** can be used to describe something that happened in the past and is continuing today, for an action that was completed recently or an action that did not happen at a specific time.

'has' or 'have' + a past tense verb = present perfect tense

For example:

I have played

You have played (singular)

He/She/It has played

We have played

You have played (plural)

They have played

Which sentence uses the **present perfect form**?

Tick **one**.

Jo went shopping on Saturday and she bought a whole new outfit.

☐

The girl entered at the last minute and won the race!

☐

My sister was a reserve, but she scored the winning goal.

☐

My dog was very naughty, but since the classes he has been much better.

☐

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1. Which option completes the sentence in the **past perfect**?

Tick **one**.

Not long after my brother _____ his new model plane, I accidentally dropped and broke it.

has made ☐

had made ☐

made ☐

was making ☐

2. Complete the following sentence in **perfect present tense**.

I _____ the piano for three years.

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past progressive - the was -ing

This tense is often used to refer to things that happened at a particular moment in the past.

The teacher **was teaching**
in a class.
He **was eating** food.
They **were playing**
basketball after school.

present progressive -
the is/am -ing

This tense allows us talk about things that are happening **now** and **haven't finished yet**.

I **am eating** fruit.
Ben **is reading** a book.
They **are going** to the
office.

Tick one box in each row to show if the sentence is in the **present progressive** or the **past progressive**.

Sentence	Present progressive	Past progressive
Joey was playing football in the park after school.		
Joey's football skills are improving all the time.		
Joey is hoping to be a professional footballer.		

