

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
SECONDARY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

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WEEK SEVEN: Lesson One

SUBJECT: English 'A' GRADE 8

TOPIC: GRAMMAR (Verbs and Verb forms)

SUB-TOPIC: Present Perfect Tense

OBJECTIVES: After participating in classroom discussions, Grade 8 students will correctly:

- (1) Define the term tense
- (2) State what is the present perfect tense and its uses
- (3) Complete given exercise based on the present perfect tense

Concept: The present perfect tense is used to refer to actions which take place in an unfinished time period up to the time of speaking.

CONTENT

DEFINE THE TERM TENSE

The concept of tense in English is a method that we use to refer to time - past, present and future. So, we talk about time in English with tense.

WHAT IS THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE AND HOW IS IT USED?

The **present perfect tense** is used when one intends to indicate:

- an action that occurred at a time which is indefinite and has its effect on the subject
- **or** an action that occurred many times and has the possibility to occur in the present/future
- **or** an action that began in the past and is still going on in the present.

IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT SENTENCES USING THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE, YOU MUST FOLLOW A SPECIFIC STRUCTURE:

Structure:

Subject + have/has + verb in the past participle form + PREDICATE

Using Present Perfect Tense

To create the present perfect tense of any verb, you will combine the present tense of the verb "to have" plus the past participle of the main verb of the sentence. The past participle of a regular verb is the base word plus -ed and irregular verbs change their vowels e.g swim -swam, run -ran

LET US FOLLOW THE STRUCTURE:

Subject + have/has + verb in the past participle form + PREDICATE

Examples:

- Alex has read the book through. (No time is indicated)
- I have read this poem many times. (Not habitual but occurred many times in the past)
- He has lived in this apartment for 15 years. (Still going on)
- Has lived: She has lived here all her life.
- Have written: They have written three letters already.
- Have worked: I have worked here since I graduated school.

- Has done: He has finished his homework.
- Have been: We have been to Canada.
- Has forgotten: She has forgotten her folder.

NOW LET US DO SOME EXERCISES

ACTIVITY 1 : Change the verb in bracket to the present perfect tense to complete the sentences.

1. I (read) your book several times.
2. She(wear) that skirt many times.
3. My family(visit) Brazil a few times.
4. I(eat) already.
5. Marta (finish) her homework.
6. You(break) the glass again.
7. They(pay) for everything.
8. It (never snow) like that.
9. I (meet) Anna once.
10. We (see) him before.
11. You(buy) four cars so far.
12. There (be) problems with the engine of the car.

ACTIVITY 2: USE THE VERB FORM IN BRACKET TO FORM THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE THEN USE SAME TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. The students(improve).
2. She (become) really beautiful.
3. Man (invent) many great inventions.
4. People(cause) much destruction to the planet.
5. I (learn) to surf.
6. The class(do) five tests this month.

7. Allison(find) a few problems with your plan.
8. We (consult) some doctors about this.
9. I (meet) Debbie in the last week.
10. In the previous year, we (double) our income.
11. She(be) sick since Sunday.
12. He (hate) cheese since childhood.

Grade Eight

Topic: GRAMMAR (Verbs and Verb forms)

Sub-topic: Present Perfect Tense

ANSWER SHEET

ACTIVITY (1) ACTIVITY 1: Change the verb in bracket to the present perfect tense to complete the sentences.

1. I **have read** (read) your book several times.
2. She **has worn** (wear) that skirt many times.
3. My family **has visited** (visit) Brazil a few times.
4. I **have eaten** (eat) already.
5. Marta **has finished** (finish) her homework.
6. You **have broken** (break) the glass again.
7. They **have paid** (pay) for everything.
8. It **has never snowed** (never snow) like that.
9. I **have met** (meet) Anna once.
10. We **have seen** (see) him before.
11. You **have bought** (buy) 4 cars so far.
12. There **have been** (be) problems with the engine of the car.

ACTIVITY 2 Answer Sheet

**USE THE VERB FORM IN BRACKET TO FORM THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE
THEN USE SAME TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.**

1. The students **have improved** (improve).
2. She **has become** (become) really beautiful.
3. Man **has invented** (invent) many great inventions.
4. People **have caused** (cause) much destruction to the planet.
5. I **have learnt** (learn) to surf.
6. The class **has done** (do) 5 tests this month.
7. Allison **has found** (find) a few problems with your plan.
8. We **have consulted** (consult) some doctors about this.
9. I **have met** (meet) Debbie in the last week.
10. In the previous year, we **have doubled** (double) our income.
11. She **has been** (be) sick since Sunday.
12. He **has hated** (hate) cheese since childhood.