

Grammar Workshop: Verb Tenses part II

Based on exercises from Perdue OWL

Present Perfect vs Simple Past: Choose the correct verb tense and conjugate the verb in the blank:

1. Peter played football yesterday.
2. They have washed the car. It looks new again.
3. Last year we went to Italy.
4. John and Peggy have read the book. Now they can watch the film.
5. I met my friend two days ago.
6. We have never visited another country before.
7. She bought a new car in 2011.
8. I'm sorry, but I forgot my homework.
9. Did you win the game of chess?
10. The girls have not eaten their lunch yet.

Simple Past vs Past Perfect: Choose the correct verb tense and conjugate the verb in the blank:

- 1) I can't believe I got that apartment. I submitted my application last week, but I didn't think I had a chance of actually getting it. When I showed up to take a look around, there were at least twenty other people who had arrived before me. Most of them had already filled out their applications and were already leaving. The landlord said I could still apply, so I did.
- 2) I tried to fill out the form, but I couldn't answer half of the questions. They (had wanted me to include references, but I didn't want to list my previous landlord because I had had some problems with him in the past and I knew he wouldn't recommend me. I ended up listing my father as a reference.
- 3) It was total luck that he decided to give me the apartment. It turns out that the landlord and my father had gone to high school together. He decided that I could have the apartment before he had even looked at my credit report. I really lucked out!

Future Perfect: Choose the correct verb tense and conjugate the verb in the blank:

1. *Margaret:* Do you think everything will be finished when I get back from the store?

Jerry: Don't worry. By the time you get back, I will have picked up the living room and will have finished washing the dishes. Everything will be perfect when your parents arrive.

Margaret: I hope so. They will arrive around 6 o'clock.

Jerry: Everything will be spotless by the time they get here.

2. *Nick:* I just have two more courses before I graduate from university. By this time next year, I will have graduated, and I will already be looking for a job.

Stacey: Does that scare you? Are you worried about the future?

Nick: Not really. I will go to a career counselor and get some advice on how to find a good job.

Stacey: That's a good idea.

Nick: I am also going to do an internship so that when I leave school, I will have not only completed over 13 business courses, but I will also have worked in the real world.

3. *Stan:* Did you hear that Christine will take a vacation in South America this winter?

Fred: I can't believe how often she goes abroad. Where exactly does she want to go?

Stan: She will visit Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

Fred: At this rate, she will have visited every country in the world by the time she's 50.

4. *Judy:* How long do you plan on staying?

Elaine: I love Miami, so I will stay here for an extended period of time. When I go back home, I will have been here for more than three months.

Judy: Wow, that's quite a vacation! You will have seen just about everything there is to see in Miami by then.

Conditionals: Conjugate the verbs in the blanks to complete the conditional phrase.

1. If I listened to classical music, I would write good poems.
2. Lisa must look after her baby brother if her father goes jogging
3. If you take the train and are lucky, you will arrive in Sheffield before 8 pm.
4. The girls should hurry if they have not bought the tickets yet.
5. If Phil does that, Sophia will scream.
6. If they aren't careful with the spelling of the new words, they will not receive good grades.
7. I can lend Emily my car if she needs it.
8. If she finds my dictionary, she should give it back to me.
9. John might buy a new monitor if his mother gives him 100 Euros.
10. If I won the lotter, I would very happy and I would buy a boat.