

# Learning Reminder Verbs – Present Perfect Form

## Verbs

Verbs tell us that someone or something is **doing, feeling** or **being**.

Usually verbs have the name of a person or thing or a pronoun in front of them.

*Boggis munches.*  
*Bunce grumbles.*  
*Bean thinks.*  
*They are dreadful.*



Verbs have **tense**. They tell us **when** the action happened.

In the present

He **is** too clever.  
 He **creeps** outside.

In the past

He **was** too clever.  
 He **crept** outside.



## Perfect form

Perfect form describes an action **completed in the past**.

It also uses the verb **has/have** in front.

*They **have hidden** behind the jars.*

It uses past form of verbs.

*She **has taken** two jars.*

The **present perfect form** of the past tense suggests that a **past action** is still affecting the present.

Simple past

I finished the feast.  
 He lost his tail.

Perfect form

I **have finished** the feast.  
 He **has lost** his tail.



## Which are in the present perfect form?

*She **has collected** the jars.*

Perfect Form  
has/have + verb

*She collected the jars.*

*We **have finished** collecting the cider.*

*We finished collecting the cider.*

*They stood very still behind the jars.*

*They **have stood** very still behind the jars.*



Perfect Form  
has/have + verb

## Perfect form

**Remember:** the **perfect form** describes an action **completed in the past** which is still affecting the present.

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Perfect form also uses the verb **has/have** in front.

*The animals **have enjoyed** the feast.*

*Mr Fox **has succeeded** in his mission.*

Now try writing five sentences of your own about *Fantastic Mr Fox* using the present perfect form.



### Activity 1: Sentences to sort

Cut out the sentences and sort them into two groups: simple past tense and present perfect tense. Use the learning reminder cards to help you.

<b>She has stopped right in front of them.</b>	<b>They have shot the tail but have missed the fox.</b>
<b>They have hidden behind the jars.</b>	<b>She walked away across the cellar.</b>
<b>The woman shouted to Mrs Boggis.</b>	<b>They have scampered across the cellar floor.</b>
<b>She has brought a rolling pin with her.</b>	<b>She hesitated at the third jar.</b>
<b>The little fox has held his breath.</b>	<b>Mr Fox's whiskers twitched.</b>

## Activity 2: Sentence pairs.

Present Perfect Form  
has/have + verb

Draw a line to match the sentences and then underline the present perfect form

Mr Fox put the last brick back in place.	Badger has raised his glass.
They grabbed their jars of cider.	Mrs Fox has hugged the smallest fox.
Mrs Fox hugged the smallest fox.	The animals have attacked the succulent food.
The animals attacked the succulent food.	Mr Fox has put the last brick back in place.
Badger raised his glass.	They have grabbed their jars of cider.



## Activity 2: Sentence pairs - **Answers**

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has/have + verb

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### Activity 3: Present perfect forms: cloze

Can you insert the correct verbs to complete these in the present perfect form?

They \_\_\_\_\_ in the tunnel. (*pause*)

Badger \_\_\_\_\_ his glass. (*raise*)

Mrs Fox \_\_\_\_\_ the smallest fox. (*hug*)

The animals \_\_\_\_\_ the succulent food. (*attack*)

Mr Fox \_\_\_\_\_ the last brick back in place. (*put*)

They \_\_\_\_\_ their jars of cider. (*grab*)

They \_\_\_\_\_ down the tunnel. (*fly*)

The animals \_\_\_\_\_ to eat. (*begin*)



### Activity 3: Present perfect forms: cloze - **Answers**

Can you insert the correct verbs to complete these in the present perfect form?

They **have paused** in the tunnel. (*pause*)

Badger **has raised** his glass. (*raise*)

Mrs Fox **has hugged** the smallest fox. (*hug*)

The animals **have attacked** the succulent food. (*attack*)

Mr Fox **has put** the last brick back in place. (*put*)

They **have grabbed** their jars of cider. (*grab*)

They **have flown** down the tunnel. (*fly*)

The animals **have begun** to eat. (*begin*)