

Revision Card – Perfect Form

Perfect form

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

Simple past	Perfect form
We built a ship.	We have built a ship.
I found a saw.	I have found a saw.
Tom ate the cake.	Tom has eaten the cake.

We built the ship in the past and it is *still* there.

I found a saw in the past and it is *still* with me.

Tom ate the cake in the past and it is *still* eaten.

Perfect Form

The perfect form is created by using the present or past tense of '**have**' with the past participle of the verb.

- We **have played**.
- She **has asked** to play too.
- My sister **has joined** the ship.



Which Tense?

Read each sentence below and decide whether it is in the simple, progressive or perfect form of the past tense. The first one has been done for you.

	Simple past	Progressive Past	Perfect form
I stood on the riverbank under the trees.	/		
The river was flowing swiftly by.			
Happily, I launched my boat into the water.			
I have watched the leaves on the current.			
The river made castles of foam.			
My little ship drifted away towards the old mill.			
Clouds were bustling across the sky.			
Finally, the boat has reached the distant shore.			
A group of children pulled my paper ship from the water and clapped with delight.			