# HAMLET: Act 3

Year 5 and Year 6

# Grammar Exercise: Present Perfect and Past Perfect Verbs

**Verb Words that show actions, motions, doing, or states of being. They can also demonstrate how someone feels.**

**A sentence cannot work without an action verb**

The three main verb tenses in English are

* **the present tense (what is happening now or when something happens regularly)-** I am cryinh
* **the past tense-** (what has already happened) I cried
* **the future tense- (things that haven’t happened yet)** I will cry

The verb tense tells when the action or state described by the verb happened.

**The 'perfect' tenses (present perfect, past perfect and future perfect) are usually used to talk about actions that are completed by the present or a particular point in the past or future.**

**THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE: Used to**

* **talk about our experiences in a way that does not refer to when they happened,**

**e.g. *I have never been to the Senate.***

* **talk about an action which started in the past and is continuous up until now**

**e.g. *I have supported for Caesar 8 years***

* **talk about something that has happened in the past but has a result in the present**

**e.g. *I have lost my trust in Caesar***

To form the present perfect tense we use the present form of the verb

‘to have’ + the past participle of the main verb (I have **danced** / We have danced).

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| **PRESENT** PERFECT | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| I have cried | We have cried |
| You have cried | You have cried |
| He/she/it has cried | They have cried |

**THE PAST PERFECT TENSE: Used to talk about an event that was completed in the past before something else happened,**

**e.g. *I had just finished talking to Caesar when Brutus walked in.***

To form the past perfect tense we use the past form of the verb

‘to have’ + the past participle of the main verb (I had **danced** / We had **danced**).

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**THE FUTURE PERFECT TENSE**

To form the future perfect tense we use the future form of the verb

‘to have’ + the past participle of the main verb (I will have **danced** / We will have **danced**).

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Exercise 1: Draw lines to show which sentence is written in the present, the ‘present perfect’ and the ‘past perfect’.

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Hamlet had given the actors their instructions.

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Hamlet is in a good mood.

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1. The play begins.

Present

Present Perfect Past perfect

The play has begun.

The play had begun.

1. Hamlet and Horatio agree that Claudius’ behaviour reveals his guilt.

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Present Present Perfect

Past perfect

1. Polonius had been sent to listen to Hamlet and Gertrude

Polonius is sent to listen to Hamlet and Gertrude.

Polonius has been sent to listen to Hamlet and Gertrude

1. Hamlet hears someone behind the curtain.

Present Present Perfect

Past perfect

Hamlet had heard someone behind the curtain.

Hamlet has heard someone behind the curtain.

1. The ghost of Old Hamlet appears.

Present Present Perfect

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