

## Chapter- 9

## Perfect Tenses

## STUDY NOTES

## AT A GLANCE

- 1) Perfect tenses are of six types.
- 2) They are present perfect, past perfect, future perfect, present perfect continuous, past perfect continuous and future perfect continuous.
- 3) It shows different types of actions like – an action completed in the past, an action that has just been completed and an action that will be completed in the future before a given time.
- 4) Present perfect tense talks about actions that began in the past and have been completed in the present.
- 5) The structure of present perfect tense is – has/have + the past participle form of the verb
- 6) Past perfect tense talks about the actions that began in the past and were completed before another action that took place in a more recent past.
- 7) The structure of past perfect tense is – had + past participle form of the verb.
- 8) The future perfect tense talks about actions that will be completed by or before a certain time in the future.
- 9) The structure of future perfect tense is – will/shall + have + past participle form of the verb.
- 10) Present perfect continuous tense talks about actions started at a particular time in the past and is continuing in the present.
- 11) **Its structure is – has/have been + verb + ing**
- 12) Past perfect continuous tense talks about an action that continued for some time in the past and ended at another time in the past.
- 13) **Its structure is – had been + verb + ing.**
- 14) Future perfect continuous talks about unfinished actions or events that will go on till a point of time in the future.
- 15) **Its structure is – will/shall + have been + verb + ing**

- 1) Identify the tense of the following sentences and write Past Perfect, Present Perfect or Future Perfect in the blanks provided.

- a) They have lived in Hyderabad for ten years. **PRESENT PERFECT**
- b) Poulomi had sent the email before the computer crashed. **PAST PERFECT**
- c) I will have taken a bath by the time you come back. **FUTURE PERFECT**
- d) I have just finished my homework. **PRESENT PERFECT**
- e) We had driven for six hours when we arrived in the city. **PAST PERFECT**
- f) You will have received the letter before you leave. **FUTURE PERFECT**

2) Identify the tense of the following sentences and write Past Perfect Continuous, Present Perfect Continuous or Future Perfect Continuous in the blanks provided.

- a) They have been running in the park for one hour. **PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS**
- b) Richa has been cleaning her room for the last two hours. **PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS**
- c) Gargi will have been teaching for almost thirty years when she retires next week. **FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS**
- d) She had been working in Mumbai before taking up this job. **PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS**
- e) I will have been walking for two hours by the time I finally reach home. **FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS**
- f) The architect has been designing a new block. **PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS**

3) Identify the tense of the following sentences and write it in the blanks provided.

a) You have been reading this book since morning.

Ans) PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

b) They had already heard the news before you told them.

Ans) PAST PERFECT

c) By next Sunday, we will have been living in this house for a decade.

Ans) FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

d) She had been playing the violin for five years before she started her own band.

Ans) PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

e) We have been waiting here for over an hour now.

Ans) PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

f) By the time we reach, the plane will have left.

Ans) FUTURE PERFECT

4) Rewrite the sentences given below as per the instructions provided in brackets.

a) He finishes his homework before he goes out to play. (Change to past perfect tense)

Ans) He had already finished his homework before he went out to play.

b) Raj began the project work. (Change to present perfect tense)

Ans) Raj has begun the project work.

c) Simran will read the book by next week. (Change to future perfect tense)

Ans) Simran will have read the book by next week.

d) We were playing badminton since morning. (Change to present perfect continuous tense)

Ans) We have been playing badminton since morning.

e) Abhishek will be sleeping for twelve hours. (Change to future perfect continuous tense)

Ans) Abhishek will have been sleeping for twelve hours

f) Dasmeet was listening to music when she heard a crash. (Change to past perfect continuous tense)

Ans) Dasmeet had been listening to music when she heard a crash.

5) Identify the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

a) He has been live in Brazil since 2010.

Ans) He has been living in Brazil since 2010.

b) We have waited for you since morning.

Ans) We have been waiting for you since morning.

c) She is playing tennis since she was nine years old.

Ans) She have been playing tennis since she was nine years old.

d) We has been look for the hotel for more than two hours.

Ans) We have been looking for the hotel for more than two hours.

e) The radio is not playing for fifteen minutes. I think it is broken.

Ans) The radio has not been playing for fifteen minutes. I think it is broken.

f) It have been raining a lot this year.

Ans) It has been raining a lot this year.