

6-5-Present Perfect Tense

It is an event which is completed at an indefinite time before another time.

Pattern:

S+has (sing)or have(Plural)+P.P(v+ed or en)

Adverbs(just,already and yet)are used in this pattern.

S+has or have+just or already+P.P+Com

S+has or have+P.P+yet

Examples:

(a)-I have just finished my study.

(b)-I have already finished my study.

(c)-He has not found my watch yet.

6-6- Present Perfect Continuous Tenses

Present perfect continuous tense is used to show that an action began in the past and is still going on at present.

Pattern:

S+has or have+been+V+ing+Com

Example:

-He has been finishing my study(temporary: He is still studying and never finish it).

It expresses a past activity that has caused a present result.

Examples:

(a)I have been working all day(I'm tired now).

(b)Have you been crying(your eyes are red).

We do not use *the state verbs* or *sensitive verbs* with this tense, rather we use the present perfect tense.

Examples:

(a) I have loved sunny day (Correct).

-I have been loving sunny day (Incorrect).

(b) I have had this book for ages (Correct).

-I have been having this book for ages (Incorrect).

Exercise 11

Put the word in brackets in the correct present perfect or present perfect continuous tenses:

1-We (wait) for you for half an hour.

2-You ever (hear) such a musing story.

3-The bell (not ring) yet.

4-My mother is at home. She just (arrive).

5-It (rain) since yesterday.

6-7-Past Perfect tense

A perfective tense refers to an action in the past that was completed before another action in the past.

Pattern:

S+had+P.P

It is used to express the following:

6-7-1-When two or more actions happened in the past,the first action becomes in the simple to refer to that action happened before another action.

Example:

-When I got to the party, I found that someone had broken into my apartment and had stolen my DVD player.

6-7-2-It is used with the conjunctures *before* and *after* when two actions are not happened in the same tense.

Pattern:

After +Perfect+Simple

Before+Simple+Perfect

Examples:

(a)-After he had got the passport, he left for London.

(b)-Before he left to London, he had got the passport.

The past perfect is also used with ***just ,already*** and ***yet***.

Example:

-I had already eaten my dinner when he called
(First I ate my dinner, then he called).

Difference:

(a)-When I got to the party, Layla went home.

{happened in the same time(First I arrived home ,then Layla left)}.

(b)-When I got to the party,Layla had gone home

(She left before I came).

Exercise 12

Put the verbs in the brackets in the correct present and past perfect tenses:

1-The plane for Lebanon just(take)off.

2-After I(have)my dinner yesterday evening, I watched TV.

3-When Zaki went to the College late, Layla (leave)

Home.

4-I(not see)you since Monday.