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Unit 3 VERBS

Lesson 23: Perfect Tenses (pp. 104–107)

Remember

The three **perfect tenses** of verbs describe actions that have been completed. The **present perfect** tense shows an action that happened in the past and continues in the present. To form this tense, use the helping verb *has* or *have* with the past tense of the main verb. The **past perfect** tense shows an action that happened before another past action. To form this tense, use *had* with the past tense of the main verb. The **future perfect** tense shows an action that will happen before another future action. To form this tense, use *will have* with the past tense of the main verb.

Add the correct helping verb to each main verb to form the perfect tense.

1. By next week, the pond will have frozen solid.
2. I thought I had answered all of the questions.
3. Look, the water has risen to the top of the river banks.
4. By noon, the hummingbirds had sipped all of the nectar in the feeder.
5. Before the end of the winter, I will have grown out of this sweater.
6. I have written my uncle a thank-you note.
7. Last night, Dr. Wilcox had left the x-rays on his desk.
8. By the end of the day, we had walked nearly five miles.
9. Before the dance, I hope I will have found the perfect outfit.
10. If she doesn't wake up soon, that cat will have slept all day!
11. I reminded him I had asked for permission last week.
12. To date, we have given two boxes of canned goods to the food drive.
13. I had felt a little nervous before I went onstage.
14. By tomorrow, we will have moved all of the furniture.
15. I think I have run as far as I can.