

I can identify and use the present perfect and the past perfect tense.

Both the **present perfect** and the **past perfect** talk about something that happened before a particular point in time.

They are formed by using **has**, **have** or **had** with the past participle.

We use the **present perfect** for an action that started in the past and continues into the present.

"I **have** reigned as your monarch for six months," said the king.

Sometimes we use it for an action that happened before an unspecified time.

"I **have fought** in battle twice," said the knight.

We use the **past perfect** for an action that happened before a time in the past.

Before the knight fought the dragon, **he had** eaten three Shredded Wheat for breakfast.

Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the sentences.

- 1 When the king cut into the pie, he discovered that the cook
four and twenty blackbirds inside it. (*had hidden / has hidden*)
- 2 The maid said a blackbird off her nose when she was
hanging out the clothes. (*has pecked / had pecked*)
- 3 The young page how to read. (*had learnt / has learnt.*)
- 4 By the end of the evening, the queen with all the Knights of
the Round Table. (*has danced / had danced*)
- 5 "I you to Sir Galahad," said the lady-in-waiting. (*haven't
introduced / hadn't introduced*)
- 6 "I a fair maiden," admitted the knight.
(*have never rescued / had never rescued*)
- 7 When the queen opened the pantry door, she realised that the knave of
hearts the tarts. (*had stolen / has stolen*)
- 8 The knave was arrested but he swore hethe tarts.
(*hasn't taken / hadn't taken*)
- 9 The squire the art of sword fighting yet. (*hasn't mastered /
hadn't mastered.*)



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The young page **has learnt** how to read.

By the end of the evening, the queen **had danced** with all the Knights of the Round Table.

"I **haven't introduced** you to Sir Galahad," said the lady-in-waiting.

"I **have never rescued** a fair maiden," admitted the knight.

When the queen opened the pantry door, she realised that the knave of hearts **had stolen** the tarts.

The knave was arrested but he swore he **hadn't taken** the tarts.

The squire **hasn't mastered** the art of sword fighting yet.