



SMART JUNIORS 2

Ups and Downs at Work

Lesson 5

Grammar Station (1)



GRAMMAR LEAD-IN

Look at Robert's career growth. How long had he worked in each job?

He (has/have/had)
been a ... for ... years.



fast food worker
(2000-2004)



restaurant manager
(2004-2013)



restaurant owner
(2013-2019)

Present Perfect

We use the present perfect to talk about **actions or events that started in the past but have a connection to the present.**

1

the action/event **started from the past and is still happening now**

12 years ago



now



She **has studied** English for 12 years.

(She studied English before and still studies now.)

2

the action/event **has an impact on the present**

It's dinner time.



I'm not hungry.
I **have eaten** too many snacks.



(Eating too many snacks makes him full.)

Present Perfect We use “**has/have + past participle**” to create a present perfect tense:

Positive/ Negative/ Question Forms			
He/She/It	has/hasn't passed		the report.
I/You/We/They	have/haven't passed		
Have/ Has	I/You/We/They/He/She/It	passed	the report?

e.g.

She **has worked** as a teacher since 2005.

They **haven't finished** their job interviews.

How long **has** Harry **been** an engineer?

Have a try!

Complete the sentence with the present perfect tense of the verb.

1. Abby _____ (**gain**) a lot of experience in her current job.
2. My friend _____ (**be**) promoted as a head teacher.
3. _____ they _____ (**travel**) to Asia before?
4. The family _____ (**not move**) to their new house in New York yet.



GRAMMAR FOCUS

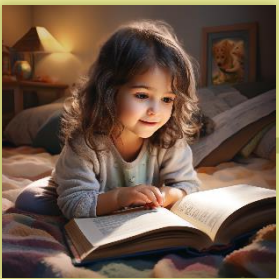
Past Perfect

We use the past perfect to talk about actions or events that happened before a past event.

1

a **lasting action** happened before a past event

4-year-old



16-year-old



last year



past event

She **had studied English** for 12 years.
(before she became a cook)

2

a **past action** happened before another past action

4:00 P.M.



5:00 P.M.



past event A

5:02 P.M.



past event B

She **had just finished** her homework when her mom **opened** the door.

Past Present

We use “**had + past participle**” to create a past perfect tense:

Positive/ Negative/ Question Forms			
I/You/We/They/He/She/It	had passed		the report.
	hadn't passed		
Had	I/You/We/They/He/She/It	passed	the report?

e.g.

I **had eaten** lunch before I went to class.

Before I went to class, I **hadn't eaten** lunch.

Had you **eaten** lunch before you went to class?

Have a try!

Complete the sentence with the past perfect tense of the verb.

1. I _____ (**attend**) three conferences before I got promoted.
2. Pete _____ (**not buy**) the groceries when he began cooking dinner.
3. The owner _____ (**not lose**) his patience even when the shop was too crowded.
4. She _____ (**act**) in many short movies for 9 years before she had her big break.



- Now let's compare the two tenses.

Present Perfect

12 years ago



now



She **has studied** English for 12 years.

(She still studies English now.)

Past Perfect

4-year-old



16-year-old



last year



She **had studied** English for 12 years.

(She doesn't study English anymore.)

 **Have a try!** Choose the correct verb to complete the sentence.

- Ben (**has worked**, **had worked**) in SparkWork Company before he was fired.
- Ben's friends (**has supported**, **had supported**) him in finding a new job since last year.
- He (**has searched**, **had searched**) for a year before he got his dream job.

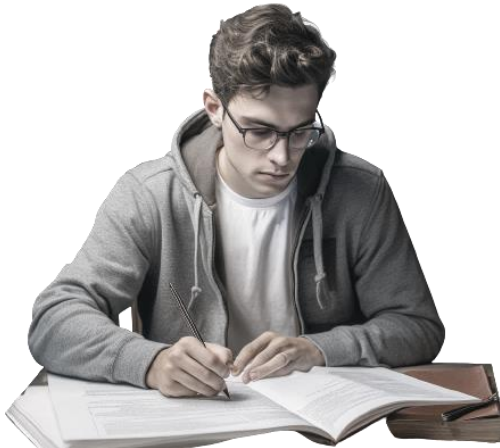
- Spin the turntable and answer the corresponding question.



- 1 Which popular places have you visited in your country?
- 2 What had you already achieved before you turned 12?
- 3 What good movies have you seen?
- 4 What unique or exotic food have you tasted?
- 5 What had you done to prepare for your most recent exam?
- 6 Before you moved to your current neighborhood, had you lived in a different one? Where had you lived before?

PRACTICE TIME

- Describe the pictures using the **present perfect** / **past perfect** tense.



university student
1966-1970



office worker
1970-1999



businessman
2000-present

TAKE A NOTE

already, ever, never, and just

! **Already, ever, never, and just** go between the auxiliary and the main verb.

I **had** already **packed** my suitcase for the trip.
auxiliary verb *main verb*

Had you ever **been** to New York before you moved here?
auxiliary verb *main verb*



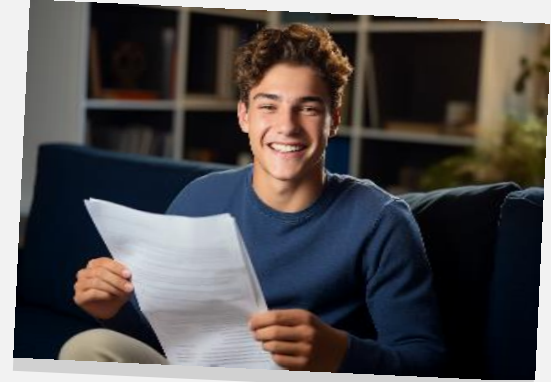
 **Have a try!** Complete the sentences.

1. _____ you _____ (ever, join) a club like the debate team before this school year?
2. She _____ (never, tasted) such spicy food until she tried Indian food.
3. They _____ (just, leave) the park when it started raining.
4. He _____ (already, receive) his college acceptance letter before graduation.

- Choose the correct words.

A Simple Boy with Big Dreams

Tim is not just a regular student. When he was young, he **(has dreamt/ had dreamt)** of attending a famous university. Diligently, he **(has maintained/ had maintained)** high grades and participated in various school activities. Rejections **(has shaken/ had shaken)** him, but he has worked hard. When the acceptance letter finally arrived, his big dream came true. Now, he **(has started/ had started)** on his journey at the popular university. This university **(has offered/ had offered)** him many excellent opportunities. Tim still has the same strong will and determination that **(has brought/ had brought)** him to this point.





Present Perfect

to talk about actions or events that started in the past but have a connection to the present

has/have + past participle

Barry **has worked** in Canada for 3 years.

(He still works in Canada now.)

Past Perfect

to talk about something that happened before another action or event in the past

had + past participle

Barry **had worked** in Canada for 3 years.

(He doesn't work in Canada anymore.)



WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to learn
about modals. See you next time!