

Chapter 18. 'Perfect' Tenses

Exercise 1. Since newspapers usually report recent events, they offer good examples of the present perfect tense. Look at this newspaper headline:

Another brilliant century by Virat

This headline means:

Virat has scored another brilliant century.

Now expand these headlines into complete sentences using the **present perfect tense**.

1. Petrol prices up by 15%

2. 10-year old kills a panther

3. CBSE declares Class XII results

4. Yet another batting record by Rohit

5. President confers bravery awards on 12 children

Exercise 2. Add a sentence with the help of the given clues.
Use the **present perfect tense** of the verb.

Example. The children will soon be coming out of their classroom.

(peon—ring the bell)

The peon has just rung the bell.

1. Let us proceed to the dining room. (mother—lay the table)

2. Mr Patel is looking for a new job. (resign the previous one)

3. You cannot meet Father now. (already go to office)

4. Manjul understands the lesson now. (teacher, explain it)

5. Where shall we spend the night? (miss the last bus)

Exercise 3. Follow the example and complete the sentences using the **past perfect tense** of suitable verbs:

1. Sandhya was sad because she had spoiled her paper.
2. Abida was scared because _____.
3. Rohit's father was upset because _____.
4. Mr Bose was angry because _____.
5. Priyanka was happy because _____.
6. Mukul was excited because _____.
7. Madhulika was in pain because _____.
8. My parents were worried because _____.
9. Tears streamed down Priya's cheeks because _____
_____.
10. I did not experience any fear because _____
_____.