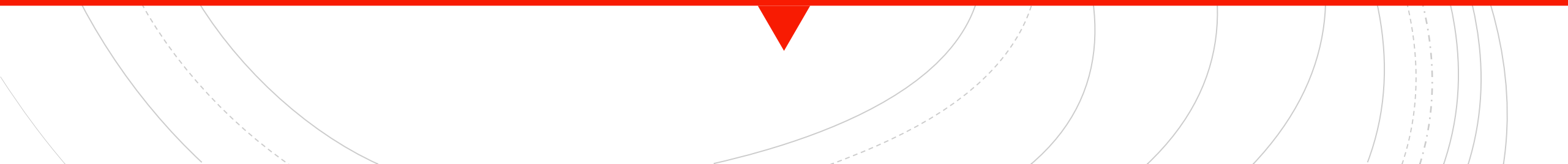




# PERFECT TENSES



## PRESENT PERFECT TENSE



▪ I think I had a very interesting life. I'm 73 now and I don't work anymore. I was in the army for 51 years. I retired when I was 69. I **have been** to so many countries that I can't remember all of them. I **have been** to Australia six or seven times and to South Africa three times. I **ve also been** to Russia, but I didn't like it at all : much too cold for me.

▪ I've never been on television, but I **ve been** on the radio once. It was a programme about life in the military about twenty years ago. I met the Prime Minister on the same day. Actually I **ve met** a lot of famous people: members of the royal family, famous politicians and famous cinema and television personalities. I **ve never met** the American President though which is a pity.

▪ Because I travelled a lot, I **ve seen** a lot of wonderful things and **have also eaten** and **drunk** strange foods and drinks. I ate cat and rat in India and drank something called Mirto on a little island in Italy many years ago.

- actions that started in the past and continue to the present

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."  
~ Nelson Mandela



I have been a teacher for 14 years.



Technology has done more harm than good.

- single or repeated actions in the past, when we don't know the date of the action or it isn't important

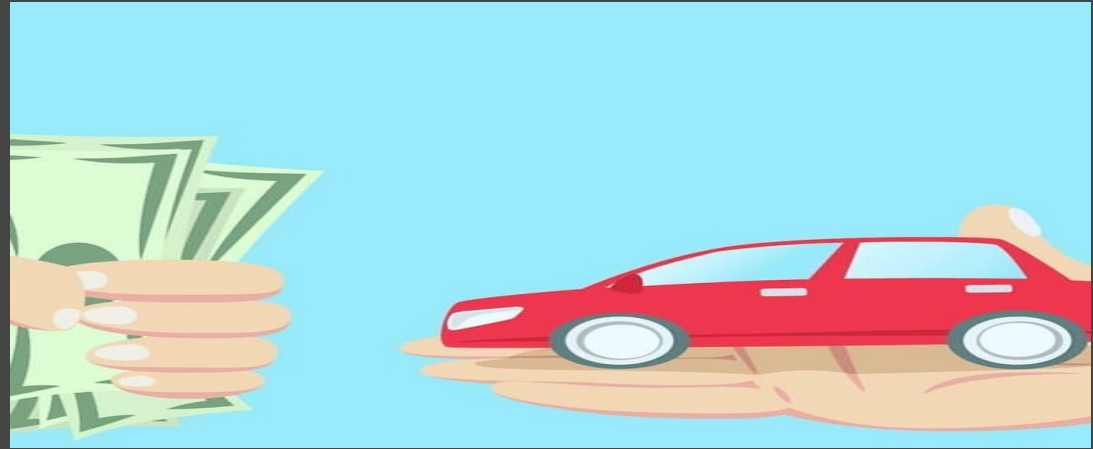


I've driven an automatic car before.



I've been to the theatre many times.

one or more  
completed  
actions in a time  
period that is  
still continuing



He's sold fifteen cars **this month.**

FORM



S + HAVE  
HAS + VERB<sub>(PAST PARTICIPLE)</sub>

- ❖ I **have known** him for since 2009.
- ❖ It **has rained** all day.
- ❖ She **has broken** her leg.
- ❖ They **have been** married for twenty years.



**just  
already  
yet**

He has **just** repaired the car.



They have **already** caught the thief.



She hasn't delivered the parcel **yet**.



Has he done his homework **yet**?



**since**

last Tuesday

2 o'clock

1990

I was a child

yesterday

this morning

**for**

twenty years

a year

a long time

a month



1. Jenna **has** never **attended** (attend) an art class, but she **has painted** (paint) some amazing pictures.

2. James **has lost** (lose) his keys, so he can't get into the building.

3. My cousins **have** never **been** (be) to the new theme park, but they really want to go.

4. **Has** Rita **got** (get) her exam results yet?

5. My friend Daisy **hasn't tried** (not try) tortillas before.

6. I **have missed** (miss) three days of school so far this year. I was ill with the flu.

7. Mr. Kent isn't here at the moment. He **has gone** (go) to the science lab.

8. My first day in Buenos Aires **has been** (be) great so far.

9. Brian **has played** (play) two different video games since he got home.

10. My best friend **hasn't written** (not write) for so long.



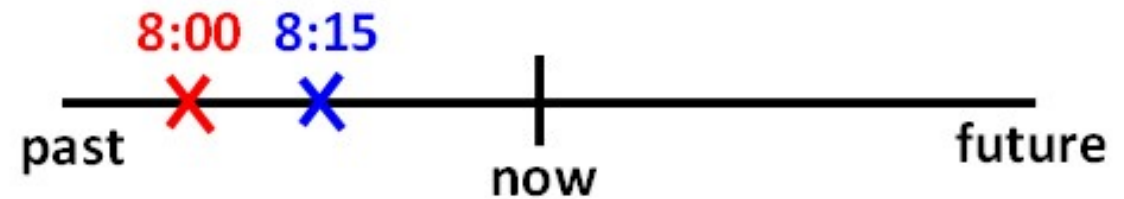
# Past Perfect Tense

She **had cleaned** the room when I got home yesterday.



used to show that  
something happened  
before another  
action in the past.

The meeting had already started  
by the time I arrived.





When we  
arrived, the film  
had already  
started.

A photograph of a city street at night during a snowfall. Several people are visible, mostly seen from the back or side, holding open umbrellas. The ground is covered in a layer of snow, and the streetlights create a hazy, glowing atmosphere. A large, semi-transparent red rectangle is overlaid in the center of the image, containing text.

It had snowed  
in the night, so  
the bus didn't  
arrive.



A photograph of a family eating outdoors at a wooden table. A woman with long blonde hair is on the left, wearing a blue denim jacket and eating from a white bowl. A young girl with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing an orange jacket, is on the right, also eating. In the background, a man is partially visible. A large red speech bubble is centered over the image, containing the text "I had eaten dinner so I wasn't hungry." in yellow and black font. A small red arrow points from the bottom of the speech bubble to the girl's bowl.

I had eaten  
dinner so I  
wasn't hungry.



something that  
started in the  
past and  
continued up to  
another action  
or time in the  
past.



When he  
graduated, he  
**had been** in  
London for six  
years.





On the 20th  
of July, I'd  
**worked** here  
for three  
months.

FORM



S + HAD + VERB<sub>(PAST PARTICIPLE)</sub>

- ❖ It started raining **after** Peter **had washed** his car.
- ❖ **When** we reached the campsite, we realised that we **had forgotten** our tent.
- ❖ **Before** Mary left home, she **had prepared** the dinner.
- ❖ **By the time** Andy came home, I **had read** three chapters from my book.

JOIN THE  
SENTENCES. USE  
THE WORDS  
GIVEN.



1. The hairdresser cut Amy's hair. Then she dyed it. (before)

Before the hairdresser **dyed** Amy's hair, she **had cut** it.

2. The performance started. Then we arrived. (when)

When we **arrived** home, the performance **had started**.

3. Dad took out the rubbish. Then he got in the car. (after)

After dad **had taken** out the rubbish, he **got** in the car.

4. It got dark. Then we reached the hotel. (by the time)

By the time we **reached** the hotel, it **had got** dark.

# FUTURE PERFECT TENSE

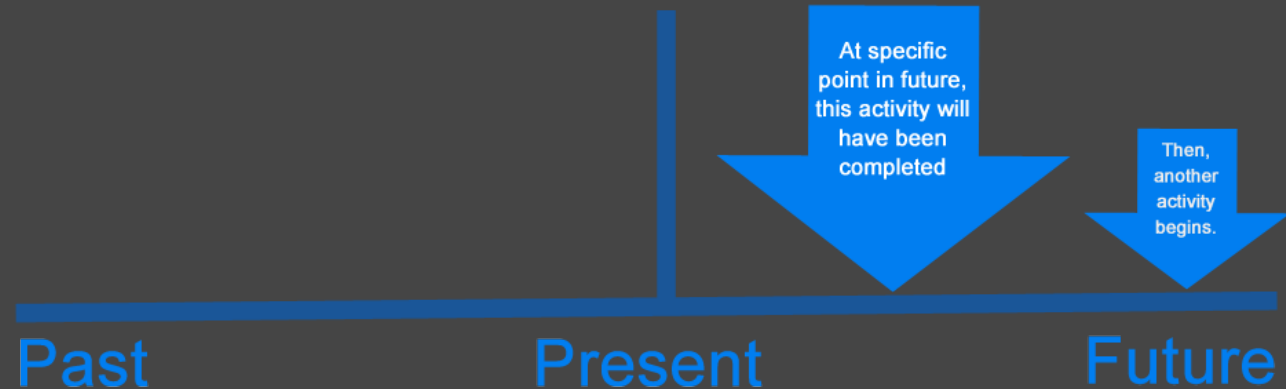
He will have  
retired by the  
time he is 60.



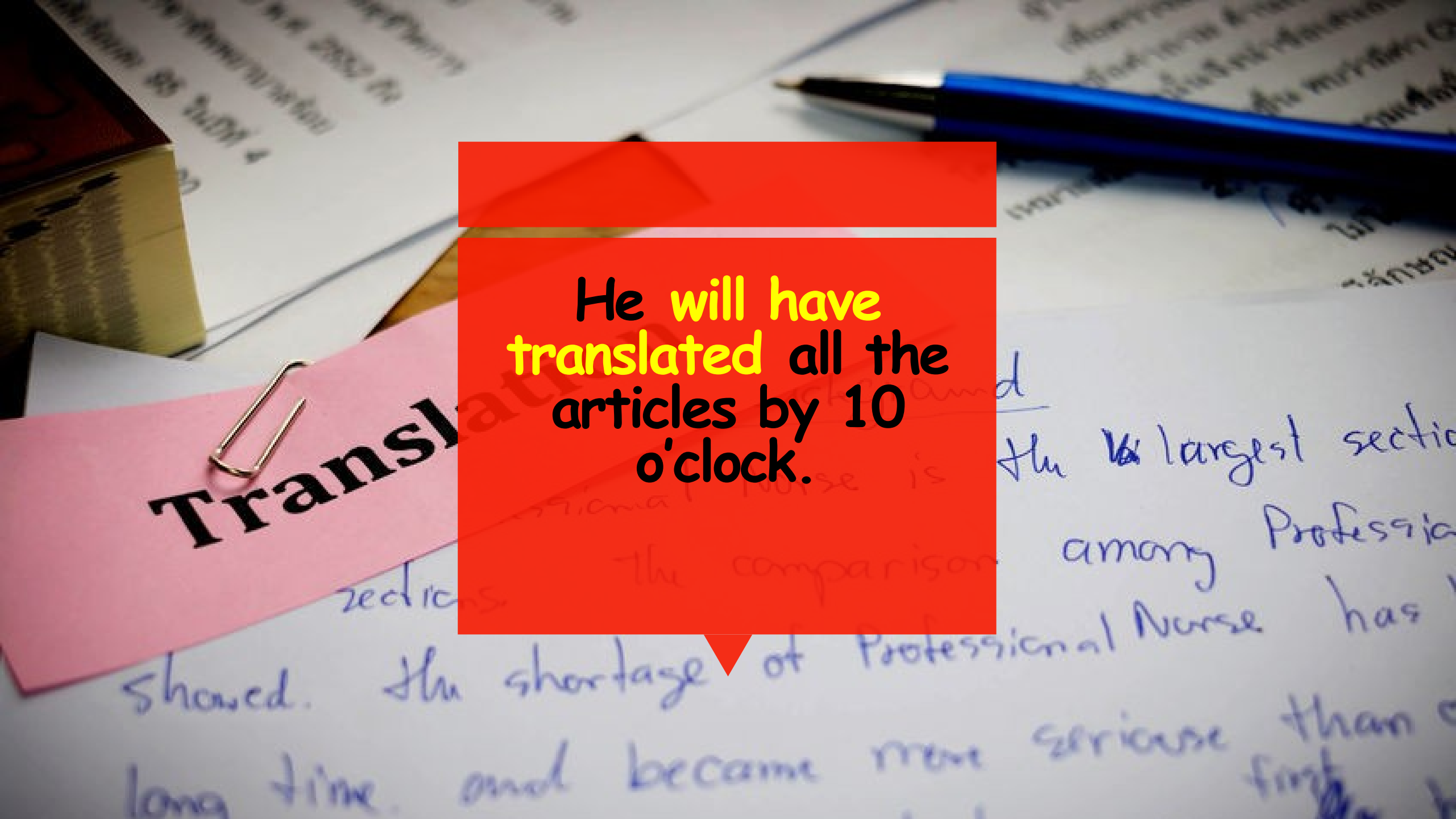
- for actions which we expect to be completed by a particular time in the future

## Future Perfect Tense

Will Have + Past Participle



My mom **will have retired** by the time I graduate from university

A close-up photograph of a desk. In the foreground, a pink sticky note is partially visible, with the word "Translated" printed on it. A silver paperclip is attached to the note. A blue pen lies diagonally across the upper right. The background consists of several sheets of paper with handwritten text in blue ink. A large, semi-transparent red rectangle is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text "He will have translated all the articles by 10 o'clock." in yellow and black font.

He will have  
translated all the  
articles by 10  
o'clock.

Translated





We **will have known** the results of the tests by the end of this week.





The train **will have left** by the time we get to the station.



1.By the time we reach the coast, the storm ..... **will have ended** ..... (end)

2.In two years' s time I ..... **will have finished** ..... my university studies. (finish)

3.Next year we ..... **will have been** ..... in Spain for ten years. (be)

4.When you come next time, we ..... **will have moved** ..... in a new house. (move)

5.Don't worry. I ..... **will have contacted** ..... the manager by noon. (contact)

6.I'll tell you tomorrow. I ..... **will have decided** ..... by then. (decide)

7.Please, call again later. Mr. Jones ..... **will have returned** ..... by two o'clock. (return)

8.The garden party will be in July. Do you think the grass ..... **will have grown** ..... in time? (grow)

9.The dinner will be ready when we get back. Mum ..... **will have cooked** ..... it. (cook)

10.He ..... **will have completed** ..... the film before he retires. (complete)