Perfect tenses worksheet

5th grade writing · Grammar · L.5.1.B

Name _____ Date _____

For grown-ups: 8 questions from our perfect tenses practice, easier ones first. Read a question aloud if your child wants that, then check together with the answer key on page 2. Circle one answer for each problem.

1. **Which word fills the blank? We (blank) just finished dinner, so we are full.**

   We ___ just finished dinner, so we are full.

   ○ **will have** ○ **has** ○ **have**

2. **Is this sentence in the future perfect tense?**

   I have eaten lunch.

   ○ **Yes, future perfect** ○ **No**

3. **Which word fills the blank? Maya (blank) her homework already.**

   Maya ___ her homework already.

   ○ **finishes** ○ **has finished**
   ○ **have finished**

4. **Which word fills the blank? By tomorrow night, the snow (blank).**

   By tomorrow night, the snow ___.

   ○ **has melted** ○ **had melted**
   ○ **will have melted**

5. **Which word fills the blank? By the time we arrived, the movie (blank).**

   By the time we arrived, the movie ___.

   ○ **will start** ○ **had started**
   ○ **has started**

6. **Which word fills the blank? By next June, I (blank) fifth grade.**

   By next June, I ___ fifth grade.

   ○ **will have finished** ○ **have finished**
   ○ **had finished**

7. **Which word fills the blank? By the end of the week, the class (blank) fifty books.**

   By the end of the week, the class ___ fifty books.

   ○ **has read** ○ **will have read** ○ **read**

8. **Which word fills the blank? The bell (blank) before I reached the classroom.**

   The bell ___ before I reached the classroom.

   ○ **will have rung** ○ **has rung**
   ○ **had rung**

Answer key: Perfect tenses

5th grade writing · More practice and a guide for parents at tutorsaurus.com/learn/5th-grade/perfect-tenses

1. **have**
   We is plural, and "we are full" is now, so present perfect: have finished.
2. **No**
   Have eaten is present perfect. Future perfect would be "I will have eaten lunch."
3. **has finished**
   Present perfect uses has or have plus a past participle. Maya is one person, so has finished.
4. **will have melted**
   Future perfect (will have melted) shows something finished by a future time.
5. **had started**
   Past perfect (had started) shows the movie started before another past event, our arriving.
6. **will have finished**
   Future perfect (will have finished) shows something that will be done by a future time.
7. **will have read**
   Future perfect (will have read) shows a goal finished by a future time.
8. **had rung**
   Past perfect (had rung) shows the bell rang before I reached the room, which is also past.