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The Three Parts of Verbs Present, Past and Past Participles

Reading and Discussion

Verbs show us the **action** or state of **being** in a sentence.

Verb tenses show **when** the action takes place.

- **Present:** Is it happening **now**?
- **Past:** Did it happen in the **past**, whether a few seconds ago or a million years ago?
- **Future:** Will it happen in the **future**, whether few seconds from now or a hundred years from now?

Each verb also has three **main parts**. They are:

- **present,**
- **past**
- **past participle.**

Participles help to show tense or act as adjectives. Let's concentrate on **participles** to help show tense.

- The **present** form of a verb is used by itself for **present tense** or with the helping word **will** to make **future tense**.
- The **past** form of a regular verb is written with the **ed** ending to show a happening in the past.
- The **past participle** is used with the helping verbs **have, has, or had** to form the three **perfect tenses**.

Let's look at some examples:

I climb.

Now

I have climbed.

Present perfect

I climbed.

Past

I had climbed.

Past perfect

I will climb.

Future

I will have climbed.

Future perfect

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Activities

Activity A: Underline the verbs in the sentences below. Don't forget to underline helping verbs too. Use the choices in the word bank to fill in the blank lines to tell what tense is used. The first example is done for you.

Word Bank

Present	Present Perfect
Past	Past Perfect
Future	Future Perfect

1. Mary Ann walks down the street. Present
2. John will have walked to school every day this year. _____
3. My class had walked to the zoo before _____
4. We walked to the movies. _____
5. Mary Ann will walk to my house after school. _____
6. Jacob and June have walked to the top of Mt. Sampson. _____

Activity B: Pick any action verb and write the three tenses – present, past, or future on the lines below. For example: Sneeze, sneezed, will sneeze.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Activity C: Now take your action verb and write the three perfect tenses of that word. Remember present perfect, past perfect and future perfect. Don't forget to add the helping verbs **has**, **have** or **had**.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Activity D: What is a past participle? Can you explain in a short sentence?

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Answer Key

Activity A

1. Mary Ann walks down the street.
Present
2. John will have walked to school every day this year.
Future perfect
3. My class had walked to the zoo before.
Past perfect
4. We walked to the movies.
Past
5. Mary Ann will walk to my house after school.
Future
6. Jacob and June have walked to the top of Mt. Sampson.
Present perfect

Activity B

Answers will vary. Try to encourage the use of regular verbs.

Activity C

Answers will vary. Try to encourage the use of regular verbs.

Activity D

Words will vary but the answer should state that a past participle is one of the principal parts of a verb, and it is used with the helping words **have**, **has** or **had** to form one of the three perfect tenses.

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Lesson Summary:

A lesson about past participles. It includes a short refresher on verb tenses with questions to evaluate student understanding of verb tenses.

Key Objectives:

- to introduce the concept of past participles;
- to show how **has**, **had** or **have** are used to form the perfect tenses;
- to assess student understanding through appropriate exercises.

Suggested Level:

Grades 4, 5, and 6

Subject Area:

Language Arts: Parts of Speech, Verbs, Verb Tenses, Past Participles.