

General English

The Perfect Tenses

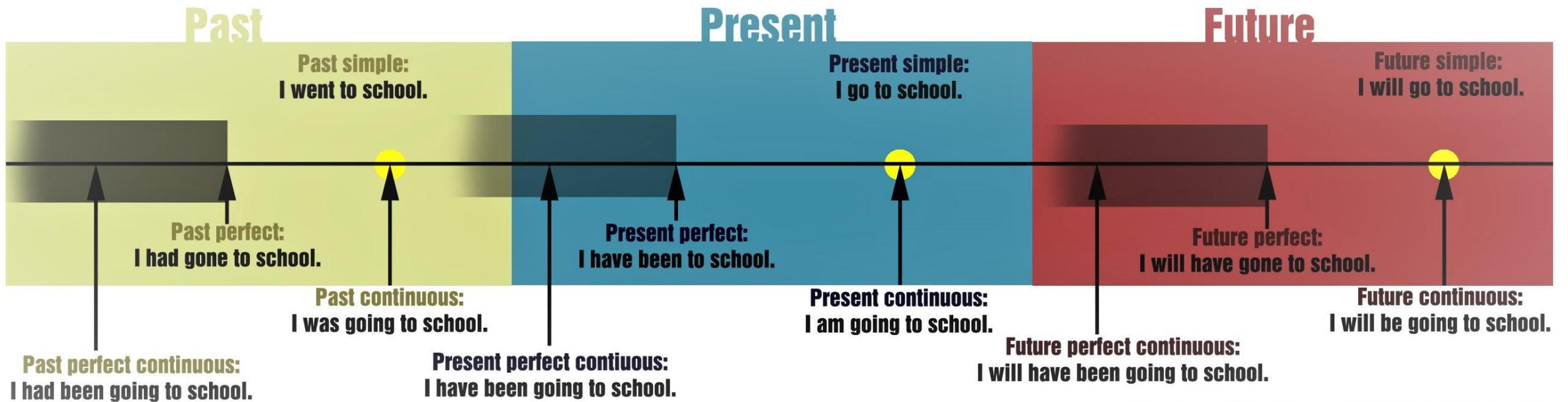
UNIT 3 – GRAMMAR PART

What are the Perfect Tenses ?

- Perfect tense is a category of verb tense used to describe completed actions.



- It covers the **past perfect tense**, the **present perfect tense**, and the **future perfect tense**.





Past Perfect Tense

Had + Past Participle



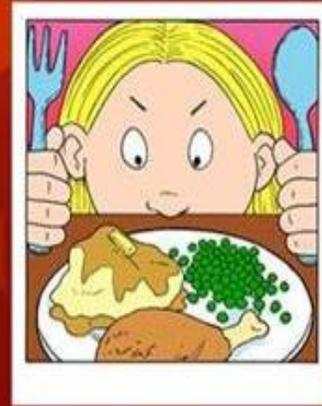
Forming the Past Perfect Tense

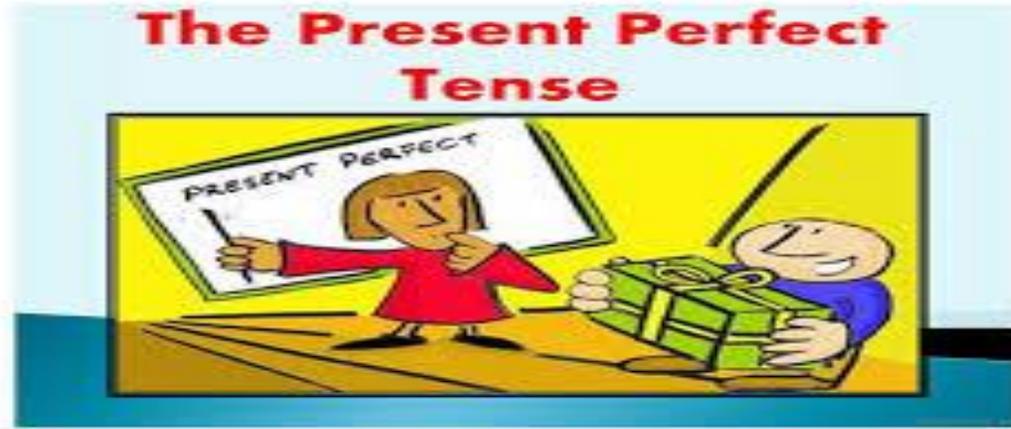
had + past participle





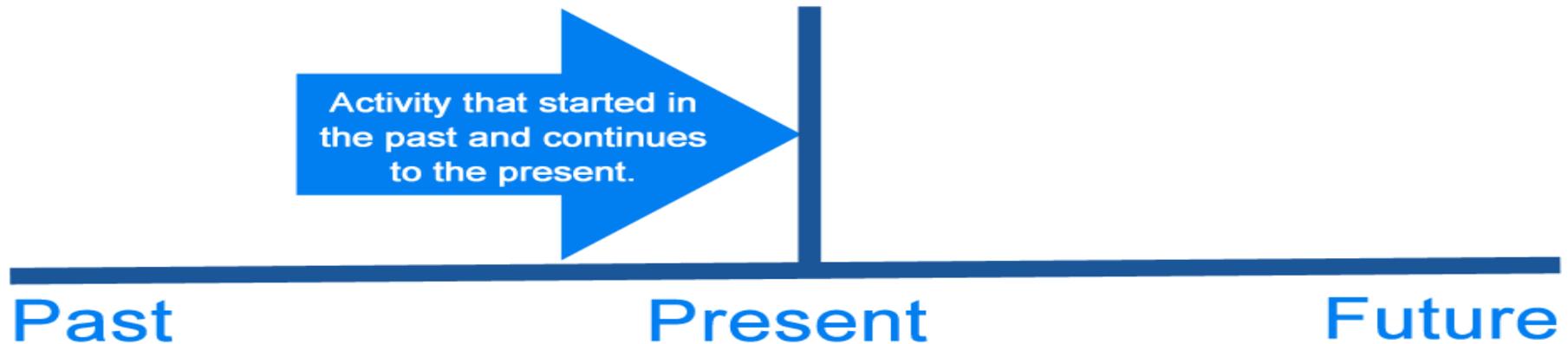
**I had eaten my breakfast
before I went to school.**





Present Perfect Tense

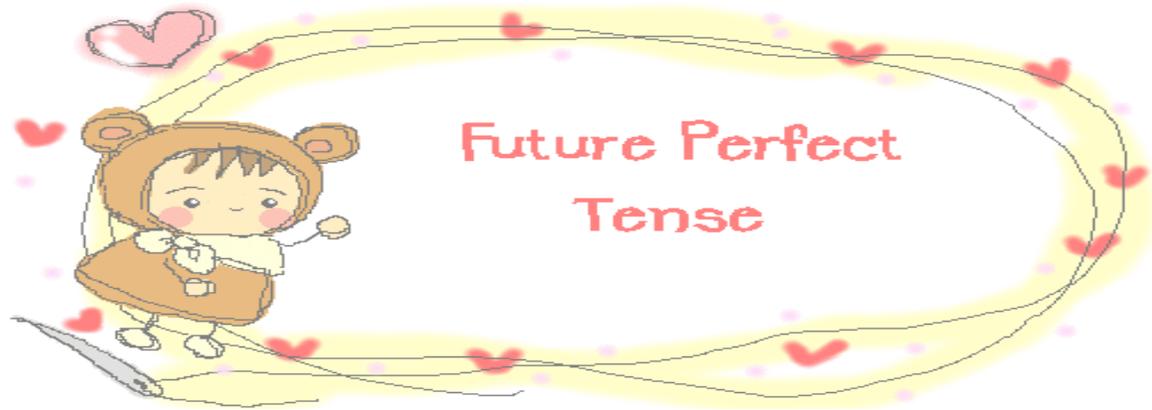
Has/Have + Past Participle



Forming the Present Perfect Tense

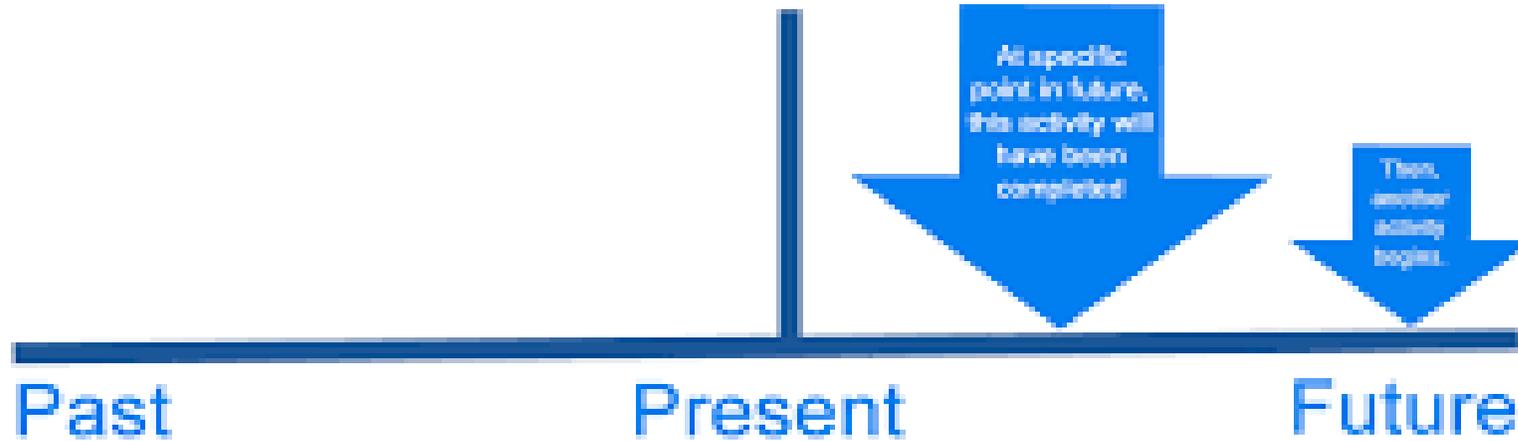
has/have + past participle





Future Perfect Tense

Will Have + Past Participle



Forming the Future Perfect Tense

will have + past participle

FUTURE PERFECT TENSE

He **will have**
retired by the
time he is 60.



Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks using suitable forms of the verbs given.

- I hope they.....(repair) this road by the time we come back next year.
-they.....(hear) about the film before you told them about it?
- “would you like something to eat?”
“No, thanks. We.....already.....(eat).”
- He is an expert in art history. He(work) in a museum for ten years and he loves his job.
- In ten years’ time ,everyone.....(forget) about his work.

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks in the following passage with the suitable forms of the verb given.

We.....(come) to this village last Sunday. We.....(stay) here for six days already.

The village(be) quiet and peaceful. We.....(go) for walks in the morning and(see) places. Yesterday we.....(bathe) in a river.

We(meet) many people and(talk) with them. Most of the people here
.....(be) farmers. They (grow) paddy and also.....(rear) cattle.They
.....(plough) their fields now. In a few weeks they (start) sowing.

We(hear) about this village long ago. Some Journalists(write) articles in the
Newspapers about this village and many tourists(visit) it.

we thoroughly(enjoy) our stay here. We(pack) our things now and
.....(leave) in a few hours. By six o' clock this evening we(reach) home.

Thank you

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