Overview: Perfect Aspect Time Frame

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| FORMS | EXAMPLES | USES | MEANINGS |
| PRESENT PERFECT  *have/has* + past participle (verb +-ed or irregular form) | (a) Jay *has belonged* to the Rotary Club for five years.  (b) Phil *has applied* to several hospitals for positions; he is waiting to ear from them.  (c) Andy *has* just *finished* high school. | situations that began in the past, continue to the present  actions completed in the past but related to the present  actions recently completed | in the past but related to now in some way |
| PAST PERFECT  *had* + past participle (verb + -ed or irregular form) | (d) Before starting medical school, Jay *had taken* a long vacation. | actions or states that took place before another time in the past | before a certain time in the past |
| FUTURE PERFECT  *Will* + *have* + past participle (verb + -ed) | (e) Lou’s parents *will have left* Perak before Andy starts school. | before a certain time in the future | future events happening before other future events |

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