

PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

The **present perfect tense** is used:

- (1) for something that happened and is still relevant or meaningful now,
- (2) for something that started happening in the past and is still happening now.

**has/have +
past tense of verb**

Examples of (1):

He **has played** tennis twice this week and **has won** a number of trophies.

Examples of (2):

He **has played** tennis at that club for several years; he **has developed** some fantastic shots.

PAST PERFECT TENSE

The **past perfect tense** is used:

- (1) for something that happened before something else in the past,
- (2) for something that started happening in the past and was still happening at a later time.

**had +
past tense of verb**

Examples of (1):

He **had played** tennis at the weekend; he remembered afterwards that he left his racket at the club.

Examples of (2):

He **had played** tennis at the club for a few years.