

Perfect Verb Forms A

Underline the perfect verb forms used in the sentences below.

1. *The moon had risen over the misty moor.*
2. *The wind had gusted through the trees earlier that night.*
3. *Wearing his new hat, the highwayman had decided to visit Bess.*
4. *She had told him that she would be waiting by the window.*
5. *They had met secretly before, but Tim had not listened until that night.*
6. *We have read this poem many times.*
7. *The ending has surprised many people because they were expecting a happy ending.*
8. *Noyes has created a poem which continues to be read over a century later.*

Perfect Verb Forms B

Fill in the missing boxes with the correct verb form

simple past	past perfect	present perfect
	<i>Tim the ostler, <u>had fallen</u> in love with Bess.</i>	<i>Tim the ostler <u>has fallen</u> in love with Bess.</i>
<i>The red coats <u>drank</u> some of the landlord's ale.</i>		<i>The redcoats <u>have drunk</u> some of the landlord's ale.</i>
<i>The wind blew some leaves off the trees.</i>	<i>The wind had blown some leaves off the trees.</i>	
<i>The highwayman promised he would return.</i>		
		<i>Bess and the highwayman have met many times.</i>
<i>Tim listened to their plan.</i>		

Perfect Verb Forms C

Select the best Verb Form to give clues about time and cause

	simple past	past perfect	present perfect
Bess as a child went once to a fair.	<i>Bess went to a fair.</i>	<i>Bess had gone to a fair.</i>	<i>Bess has gone to a fair.</i>
Bess plaited her hair earlier and it is still plaited now.	<i>Bess plaited her hair.</i>	<i>Bess had plaited her hair.</i>	<i>Bess has plaited her hair.</i>
Tim asked Bess to marry him last year. She said no then.	<i>Tim asked Bess to marry him.</i>	<i>Tim had asked Bess to marry him.</i>	<i>Tim has asked Bess to marry him.</i>
Bess and the Highwayman promised to meet when the moon was full. Tonight is the night.	<i>They promised to meet when the moon was full.</i>	<i>They had promised to meet when the moon was full.</i>	<i>They have promised to meet when the moon is full.</i>
Bess was planning to wear her new dress but she changed her mind yesterday.	<i>Bess planned to wear her new dress.</i>	<i>Bess had planned to wear her new dress.</i>	<i>Bess has planned to wear her new dress.</i>
The soldiers heard about the Highwayman's visits to the inn. They decided to go to the inn last week. The journey was long.	<i>The soldiers heard about the secret visits.</i>	<i>The soldiers had heard about the secret visits.</i>	<i>The soldiers have heard about the secret visits.</i>

PERFECT FORM ANSWERS

A

1. The moon *had risen* over the misty moor.
2. The wind *had gusted* through the trees earlier that night.
3. Wearing his new hat, the highwayman *had decided* to visit Bess.
4. She *had told* him that she would be waiting by the window.
5. They *had met* secretly before, but Tim *had not listened* until that night.
6. We *have read* this poem many times.
7. The ending *has surprised* many people because they were expecting a happy ending.
8. Noyes *has created* a poem which continues to be read over a century later.

C

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The soldiers heard about the Highwayman's visits to the inn. They decided to go to the inn last week. The journey was long.	The soldiers heard about the secret visits.	The soldiers had heard about the secret visits.	The soldiers have heard about the secret visits.

D

B

simple past	past perfect	present perfect
<i>Tim the ostler, <u>fell</u> in love with Bess.</i>	<i>Tim the ostler, <u>had fallen</u> in love with Bess.</i>	<i>Tim the ostler <u>has fallen</u> in love with Bess.</i>
<i>The red coats drank some of the landlord's ale.</i>	<i>The redcoats <u>had drunk</u> some of the landlord's ale.</i>	<i>The redcoats <u>have drunk</u> some of the landlord's ale.</i>
<i>The wind blew some leaves off the trees.</i>	<i>The wind had blown some leaves off the trees.</i>	<i>The wind <u>has blown</u> some leaves off the trees.</i>
<i>The highwayman promised he would return.</i>	<i>The highwayman <u>had promised</u> he would return.</i>	<i>The highwayman <u>has promised</u> he would return.</i>
<i>Bess and the highwayman <u>met</u> many times.</i>	<i>Bess and the highwayman <u>had met</u> many times.</i>	<i>Bess and the highwayman have met many times.</i>
<i>Tim listened to their plan.</i>	<i>Tim <u>had listened</u> to their plan.</i>	<i>Tim <u>has listened</u> to their plan.</i>
