

The Perfect Tense - 1

To form the perfect (past) tense, you will need to use the verb **haben**, plus a past participle.

1 Haben – To Have

Ich	habe	= I have
du	_____	= you have (informal)
er	_____	= he has
sie	_____	= she has
wir	_____	= we have
ihr	_____	= you have (plural)
Sie	_____	= you have (formal)
sie	_____	= they have

2 What do you think is the meaning of these past participles?

gespielt	_____
gearbeitet	_____
gemacht	_____
gekauft	_____
geliebt	_____
gehört	_____
gehabt	_____

Have you spotted any patterns yet?

To make the **past participle** with **weak (regular) verbs**, you need to take the infinitive and:

	spielen	kaufen	haben
1. Remove the –en	spiel	kauf	hab
2. add a -t	spielt	kauft	habt
3. put a ge- on the beginning	gespielt	gekauft	gehabt

Note: Sometimes adding a 't' to the end would make the word impossible to say! In this case, an extra 'e' is added, eg. gearbeitet.

3 What is the past participle of these weak verbs?

- a. sagen _____
- b. lachen _____
- c. kochen _____
- d. angeln _____
- e. bauen _____
- f. sparen _____
- g. freuen _____
- h. folgen _____
- i. rauchen _____

Do you know what all of these mean in English?

4 Unfortunately strong verbs work differently – what do you think these verbs mean?



- a. gegessen _____
- b. getrunken _____
- c. geschrieben _____
- d. gesehen _____
- e. geschlafen _____
- f. angerufen _____
- g. begonnen _____
- h. gewonnen _____
- i. gesprochen _____

In order to put everything together, you need:

	Person	+	Haben	+	Detail	+	Past Participle
eg.	Ich		habe		Fußball		gespielt
	Wir		haben		Pizza		gegessen
	Er		hat		Cola		getrunken

Fill in the Gaps:

- a. Ich _____ meine Hausaufgaben gemacht. = I did my homework.
b. Er hat ein neues Hemd _____. = He bought a new shirt.
c. Wir haben den Wettbewerb _____. = We won the competition.
d. _____ hast deine Mutter angerufen. = You phoned your mother.
e. Er hat mit dem Lehrer gesprochen. = He spoke to the teacher.

Now try without the English and translate them yourself!

- f. Du _____ sehr hart gearbeitet. = _____
g. Er hat zu viele Pommes _____. = _____
h. _____ habe in einem Restaurant gearbeitet. = _____
i. Ihr habt Rockmusik _____. = _____
j. _____ hat ihre Mutter geliebt. = _____

Now translate these into German:

- a) I ate a pizza. _____
b) He drank coke. _____
c) We listened to music. _____
d) They did their homework. _____
e) I bought a T-shirt. _____
f) You spoke German. (informal) _____
g) She loved her cat. _____
h) You cooked dinner. (formal) _____
i) They played tennis in the afternoon. _____
j) He phoned his girlfriend. _____

Can you write some past tense sentences of your own?