

# Present Perfect Form



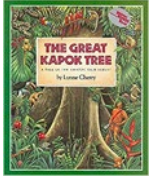
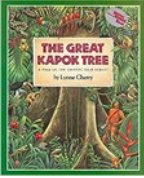
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*The men **arrived**.*

*The creatures **worried**.*

*The forest **is** silent.*



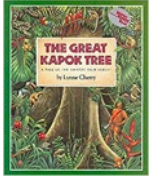
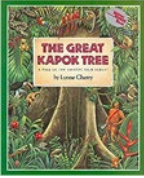


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**Verbs** have **tense**. They tell us **when** the action happened.

In the past

The men **arrived** in the forest.

We **watched**.

The man **slept**.

In the present

The men **arrive** in the forest.

We **watch**.

The man **sleeps**.



This way of writing about the past is called the **past tense**.

# Present Perfect Form

The present perfect form is created by using **two** verbs: the present form of 'have' with the past participle of the main **verb**.

The monkeys have **come** to the man.

The man has not **woken**.

They have **chattered** to him.



**present** tense form of  
**have** (*helping verb*)

**past participle** of main verb  
(completed/perfected)



## Present perfect form or past tense



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People have settled on the land.

People settled on the land.

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They have cleared the underbrush. The birds have flown over the forest.





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### Perfect form

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## Perfect form

The perfect form of the past tense suggests that a **past action is still affecting the present.**



### Past tense

### Perfect form

The animals **persuaded** me.

The animals *have* **persuaded** me.

I **dreamt** such a dream.

I *have* **dreamt** such a dream.

I **changed** my mind.

I *have* **changed** my mind.

The animals **persuaded** me and I am *still* persuaded.

I **dreamt** and I am *still* thinking about my dream.

I **changed** my mind and it is *still* changed.

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