

Year 5 – Spring Block 3 – Tenses – Using the Past Perfect Form

About This Resource:

This PowerPoint has been designed to support your teaching of this small step. It includes a starter activity and an example of each question from the Varied Fluency and Application and Reasoning resources also provided in this pack. You can choose to work through all examples provided or a selection of them depending on the needs of your class.

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: (5G4.1b) [Using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause](#)

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Notes and Guidance

- Once children are able to recognise the past perfect form, they can move on to using the past perfect form.
- Children should draw on their learning from the previous step in order to use the past perfect form within their own sentences, as well as changing verbs to and from the past perfect form.

Focused Questions

- Change this sentence so that it is written in the past perfect form.

Step 4: Using the Past Perfect Form

Introduction

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No, Ruby hasn't identified all of them. 'Had felt' is also in the past perfect form.

Varied Fluency 1

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False, it should be 'taken'.

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B. Last night, I _____ very well, but I still didn't want to get up in the morning.

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Varied Fluency 4

Complete the sentence below using the verb 'want' in the past perfect form.

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Before a powerful storm, everyone had made sure all of their precious belongings had been stored away safely and had sheltered indoors until it was over.