

Year 5 – Spring Block 3 – Tenses – Recognising 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:

- Now that children have recapped the present perfect tense, they can move on to recognising the past perfect form of the verb.
- The past perfect form describes an action that has occurred in the past, before another event has happened. It is formed using the past participle of the verb followed by an auxiliary verb. For example, *Before she opened her eyes, I had hidden in a good place.*
- In this step, children should recognise the past perfect form (including its use within sentences).

Focused Questions

- What is the past perfect form?
- What would you look for when deciding if a sentence is in the past perfect form?
- Is this sentence in the past perfect form? How do you know?

Step 3: Recognising Past Perfect Form

Introduction

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False; the past perfect form has not been used.

Varied Fluency 4

Read the passage below. Underline the verbs in the past perfect form.

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Flo is not correct because she has only underlined the past participle, she needs to underline the auxiliary verb as well.

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Various answers, for example:

They couldn't hear me even though I had shouted as loudly as I could.

Reasoning 2

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No because the verb 'cooked' is not preceded by the auxiliary verb 'had'.