

**The perfective**

**1. Underline as many verbs as you can find in the present perfect tense in the following examples.**

a. I have lived here all my life.

b. The farmer has three cows and one bull.

c. Have you seen my books anywhere?

d. Every morning I have a healthy breakfast.

e. Do you have a pen?

f. Please have some faith in my skills as a wizard.

g. I have never seen a more beautiful sunset.

h. We have already had our dinner.

i. I don’t have any idea what you are talking about.

j. We have reached the end of this exercise.

**2. The things mentioned in column A happened before those in column B. Join these two parts to form a sentence making careful use of the past perfect tense. The first one has been done for you.**

A B

a. Ramesh went to see the doctor Ramesh told me

b. we worked very hard we won the championship

c. the thief left the police went there

d. where there was a secret door there was an ordinary wall

e. I never saw anyone run so fast I remarked

f. my throat was sore all morning I did not eat any ice cream

g. the rain started we left the house

h. Imran tried very hard Imran was not able to solve the problem

i. I met him before I knew

j. Mahesh heard of Leander Mahesh met Leander

k. we had our dinner we went out

a. Ramesh told me that he had gone to see the doctor.

**Answers**

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2.b. We had worked very hard; so we won the championship.

c. The thief had left by the time the police went there.

d. Where there had been a secret door, there was an ordinary wall.

e. I remarked that I had never seen anyone run so fast.

f. My throat had been sore all morning; so I did not eat any ice cream.

g. The rain had started before we left the house.

h. Imran had tried very hard, but he was not able to solve the problem.

i. I knew I had met him before.

j. Mahesh had heard of Leander before he met him.

k. We had had our dinner before we went out.