

Present perfect or past tense worksheet

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Complete the following sentences using appropriate verb forms.

Hint: The Present perfect tense is used in the subordinate clause only when the verb in the principal clause is either in the present or future tense – not in the past tense.

1. I ----- a woman in New Zealand three years ago. (met / have met)
2. I ----- bought anything since a week ago. (haven't / hadn't)
3. He ----- ill for three years before he died. (was / has been)
4. 'Have you been here before?' 'Yes, I ----- here a year ago.' (was / have been)
5. As soon as I saw her I knew that I ----- her before. (have met / had met)
6. We will not begin the work until they ----- to our terms and conditions. (had agreed / have agreed)
7. I will come back after I ----- my lunch. (have finished / had finished)
8. He cannot be appointed before he ----- his examination. (has passed / had passed)
9. I understand that you ----- from the committee. (have resigned / had resigned)
10. I will call you after I ----- him. (saw / have seen)