

CHAPTER 2

Perfect and Perfect Progressive Tenses

PRACTICE 1 ▶ Preview.

Part I. Read the passage.

Ride-Sharing Companies

Ride-sharing companies have become some of the world's largest taxi companies, but they don't own any actual taxis. When customers need a driver, they submit their request through the company's app. The drivers use their own cars. Uber is one example of a ride-sharing company. Uber first began in San Francisco in 2009. By 2012, the company had expanded into several major U.S. cities, such as New York, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. Since that time, it has been expanding internationally. Today, people in countries all over the world use ride-sharing companies. While many people have praised these companies, others have expressed concerns over the safety of the ride-sharing system.



1. Write the 7 verbs in the simple present tense.

2. Write the 3 verbs in the present perfect tense.

3. Write the verb in the present perfect progressive tense.

4. Write the verb in the simple past tense.

5. Write the verb in the past perfect tense.

Part II. Answer the questions. Choose "T" if the statement is true. Choose "F" if the statement is false.

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| 1. The world's largest taxi companies don't have traditional taxis. | T | F |
| 2. Uber expanded into New York in 2009. | T | F |
| 3. Uber had drivers in Chicago before it expanded internationally. | T | F |
| 4. Customers use an app to find drivers. | T | F |

PRACTICE 2 ▶ Irregular verbs. (Charts 2-1 and 2-2)

Complete the chart.

Simple Form	Simple Past	Past Participle
1.	shut	
2. bring		
3.		heard
4.	lost	
5. teach		
6.		begun
7. sing		
8.	ate	
9. see		
10.	threw	
11. become		
12. go		

PRACTICE 3 ▶ The present perfect. (Chart 2-3)Complete each sentence with *for* or *since*.

1. I haven't seen Elvira ...

- a. _____ several years.
- b. _____ a long time.
- c. _____ the holiday last year.
- d. _____ she was in college.
- e. _____ more than a month.
- f. _____ she got married.
- g. _____ she became famous.

2. Mehdi and Pat have been friends ...

- a. _____ they were in college.
- b. _____ about 20 years.
- c. _____ 2005.
- d. _____ a long time.
- e. _____ they began to work together.
- f. _____ they met.
- g. _____ their entire adult lives.

PRACTICE 4 ► The present perfect with *since*, *for*, and *ago*. (Chart 2-3)

Complete the sentences with the correct time expression.

1. Today is the 21st of April. I started this job on April 1st. I started this job
_____ *three weeks* _____ ago. I have had this job since _____ *April 1st* _____.
I have had this job for _____ *three weeks* _____.
2. I made a New Year's resolution on January 1st: I will get up at 6:00 A.M. every day instead
of 7:00 A.M. Today is March 1st, and I have gotten up every morning at 6:00 A.M. I made
this resolution _____ ago. I have gotten up at 6:00 A.M. since
_____. I have gotten up at 6:00 A.M. for _____.
3. Today is February 28th. Valentine's Day was on February 14th. I sent my girlfriend some
chocolates on Valentine's Day, and she texted me a "Thank you." After that, I did not hear from her
again. I have not heard from her for _____. I have not heard from her
since _____.
4. Today is January 27th, 2016. Sue works for Senator Brown. She began to work for him right after she
first met him in January, 2010. She began to work for Senator Brown _____
ago. Sue has worked for Senator Brown for _____. She has worked for
Senator Brown since _____.

PRACTICE 5 ► The present perfect with *since* and *for*. (Chart 2-3)

Rewrite the sentences using *since* and *for*.

1. We know Mrs. Jones. We met her last month.
 - a. for _____ *We have known Mrs. Jones for one month.* _____
 - b. since _____
2. They live in New Zealand. They moved there in 2014.
 - a. for _____
 - b. since _____
3. I like foreign films. I liked them five years ago.
 - a. since _____
 - b. for _____
4. Jack works for a software company. He started working there last year.
 - a. for _____
 - b. since _____

PRACTICE 6 ▶ The present perfect. (Charts 2-3 and 2-4)

Complete the sentences using the present perfect tense. Write the correct past participle of the verbs in blue.

1. I often **eat** Thai food. I have _____ Thai food three times this week.
2. I sometimes **visit** my cousins on weekends. I have _____ them twice this month.
3. I **work** at the Regional Bank. I have _____ there for eleven years.
4. I **like** card games. I have _____ card games since I was a child.
5. I **know** Professor Blonsky. She's my next-door neighbor. I have _____ her all my life.
6. I **wear** glasses. I have _____ glasses since I was ten years old.
7. I **take** piano lessons. I have _____ piano lessons for several years.
8. I **go** to Unisex Haircutters once a month. I have _____ to the same shop for twenty years.

PRACTICE 7 ▶ The present perfect. (Charts 2-3 and 2-4)

Complete the sentences with the present perfect tense of the appropriate verb in the box. Use each verb only once. Include any words in parentheses.

✓ eat	know	ride	sweep	win
improve	make	start	swim	write

1. A: How about more pie?
B: No, but thanks. I can't swallow another bite. I (*already*) _____ *have already eaten* too much.
2. Our football team is having a great season. They _____ all but one of their games so far this year and will probably win the championship.
3. Jane is expecting a letter from me, but I (*not*) _____ to her yet. Maybe I'll call her instead.
4. Jack is living in Spain now. His Spanish used to be terrible, but it _____ greatly since he moved there.
5. A: Let's hurry! I think the movie is beginning!
B: No, the movie (*not*) _____ yet. They're just showing previews of the coming attractions.
6. A: I hear your parents are coming to visit you. Is that why you're cleaning your apartment?
B: You guessed it! I (*already*) _____ the floor, but I still need to dust the furniture. Want to help?
7. A: I understand Tom is a good friend of yours? How long (*you*) _____ him?
B: Since we were kids.
8. Everyone makes mistakes in life. I _____ lots of mistakes in my life. The important thing is to learn from one's mistakes. Right?
9. A: I (*never*) _____ on the subways in New York City. Have you?
B: I've never even been to New York City.
10. A: (*you, ever*) _____ in the Atlantic Ocean?
B: No, only the Pacific — when I was in Hawaii. I even went snorkeling when I was there.

PRACTICE 8 ► The present perfect. (Charts 2-2 → 2-4)

Choose the correct sentence.

1. a. Scott has always wanted to go scuba diving. He's been snorkeling, but he hasn't tried scuba diving yet.
b. Scott has always wanted to go scuba diving. He's been snorkeling, but he hasn't tried scuba diving never.
2. a. Kevin is jittery. He's yet had seven cups of coffee this morning. He should avoid drinking any more caffeine today.
b. Kevin is jittery. He's already had seven cups of coffee this morning. He should avoid drinking any more caffeine today.
3. a. Vanessa has tried on five different dresses, but she still hasn't found the right one.
b. Vanessa has tried on five different dresses, but she already hasn't found the right one.
4. a. I wish our professor would give us a break. This is only the third week of class, and we've ever written five essays.
b. I wish our professor would give us a break. This is only the third week of class, and we've already written five essays.
5. a. We need to write twelve essays this semester. We've wrote only five so far.
b. We need to write twelve essays this semester. We've written only five so far.
6. a. I haven't had time to finish my research paper yet.
b. I haven't have time to finish my research paper yet.
7. a. Have you ever been to Shanghai?
b. Haven't you never been to Shanghai?
8. a. I've ever been to China, but I hope I can go there some day.
b. I've never been to China, but I hope I can go there some day.
9. a. I wish I could get over this cold. I've had it ever since the beginning of the semester.
b. I wish I could get over this cold. I've had it never since the beginning of the semester.
10. a. I've gone to the doctor twice, but I didn't get better yet.
b. I've gone to the doctor twice, but I haven't gotten better yet.
11. a. I've never tried homeopathic medicine, but my neighbor says it's great.
b. I haven't never tried homeopathic medicine, but my neighbor says it's great.
12. a. I hope I didn't fail my chemistry test. It was the most difficult exam I've ever taken.
b. I hope I didn't fail my chemistry test. It was the most difficult exam I've still taken.

PRACTICE 9 ► Is vs. has. (Chart 2-5)

In spoken English, **is** and **has** can both be contracted to **'s**. Decide if the verb in the contraction is **is** or **has**.

Spoken English

1. He's absent.
2. Sue's been a nurse for a long time.
3. Her brother's in the hospital.
4. He's not happy.
5. He's felt bad this past week.
6. Here is a newspaper. Take one. It's free.
7. The manager's taken some money.
8. Mira's taking a break.
9. Mira's taken a break.

Written English

PRACTICE 10 ► The present perfect and the simple past. (Chart 2-6)

Choose the correct completions.

1. a. Botswana **became / has become** an independent country in 1966.
b. Botswana **was / has been** an independent country for more than 40 years.
2. a. It's raining. It **was / has been** raining since noon today.
b. It's raining. It's the rainy season. It **rained / has rained** every day since the first of the month.
3. a. I grew up in Scotland until I moved to Argentina with my family. I was 12 then. Now I am 21.
b. I **lived / have lived** in Scotland for 12 years.
c. Now I live in Argentina. I **lived / have lived** in Argentina for 9 years.
4. a. Claude and Pierre worked together at the French restaurant for 30 years. They retired three years ago. They **worked / have worked** together for 30 years.
b. Claude and Pierre **didn't work / haven't worked** for the last three years.

PRACTICE 11 ► The present perfect and the simple past. (Chart 2-6)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. (*know*) I knew Tim when he was a child, but I haven't seen him for many years. I have known Larry, my best friend, for more than 20 years.
2. (*agree*) The company and its employees finally _____ on salary raises two days ago. Since then, they _____ on everything, and the rest of the negotiations have gone smoothly.
3. (*take*) Mark _____ a trip to Asia last October. He _____ many trips to Asia since he started his own import-export business.
4. (*play*) Ivan _____ the violin at several concerts with the London Symphony since 1990. Last year he _____ Beethoven's violin concerto at one of the concerts.
5. (*call*) When she was in college, Julia _____ her parents a few times a week. Now she has a job and is living in Chicago. In the last month she _____ her parents only three times.
6. (*send*) Our university _____ 121 students to study in other countries last year. In total, we _____ 864 students abroad over the last ten years.
7. (*fly*) Masaru is a pilot for JAL. He _____ nearly 8 million miles during the last 22 years. Last year he _____ 380,000 miles.
8. (*oversleep*) Mark missed his physics examination this morning because he _____. He _____ a lot since the beginning of the semester. He needs to buy a new alarm clock.

PRACTICE 12 ▶ The present perfect and the present perfect progressive. (Chart 2-7)

Choose the correct completions.

1. Sam and Judy began talking on the phone at 9:00 P.M. Now it is 11:00 P.M., and they are still talking. They **have talked / have been talking** for two hours.
2. Sam and Judy speak to each other on the phone several times a day. They are speaking on the phone now, and they might speak again later. Today they **have spoken / have been speaking** to each other on the phone at least seven times.
3. England **has won / has been winning** the World Cup only once since 1930.
4. How long **have you sat / have you been sitting** here in the sun? You're very red. You need to get out of the sun.
5. The chair in the president's office is very special. Sixteen presidents **have sat / have been sitting** in it.

PRACTICE 13 ▶ The present perfect and the present perfect progressive. (Chart 2-7)

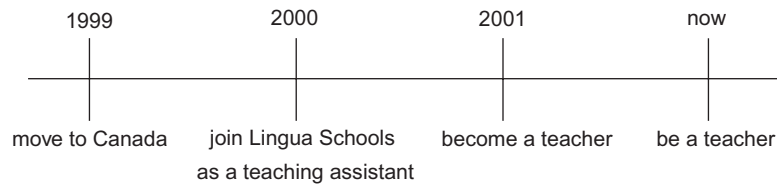
Complete the sentences. Write either the present perfect or the present perfect progressive of the verbs in parentheses.

1. The kids are at the park. They (*play*) have been playing ball for the last two hours, but they don't seem tired yet.
2. Jim (*play*) has played soccer only a couple of times, so he's not very good at it. He's much better at tennis.
3. Karl (*raise*) _____ three children to adulthood. Now they are educated and working in productive careers.
4. Katie is falling asleep at her desk. Dr. Wu (*lecture*) _____ since ten o'clock, and it's now past noon.
5. Jenna is a law student. Ever since she enrolled in law school, she (*miss, never*) _____ a class because of illness.
6. Tim (*sleep*) _____ in the downstairs bedroom only once. He usually sleeps upstairs in the bedroom he shares with his brother.
7. A: How much longer until we arrive at the Singapore airport?
B: Let me see. It's about 9:15. We (*fly*) _____ for almost six hours. We will be there in another couple of hours.
8. Janice (*sleep*) _____ for almost eleven hours. Do you want me to wake her up?
9. A: Is the rescue crew still looking for survivors of the plane crash?
B: Yes, they (*search*) _____ the area for hours, but they haven't found anybody else.

PRACTICE 14 ▶ Simple past vs. the present perfect progressive. (Chart 2-7)

Look at the information about Janet and write sentences with the given words. Use the simple past or present perfect progressive as necessary.

In 1998, Janet received her English teaching degree. Here is what happened to Janet after that:



1. (move to Canada) _____ *In 1999, Janet moved to Canada.*
2. (join Lingua Schools) _____
3. (be a teacher) _____
4. (teach her own class) _____
5. (work at Lingua Schools) _____

PRACTICE 15 ▶ The present perfect, the present perfect progressive, and the past perfect. (Charts 2-3 → 2-8)

Read the two reviews for a smart phone. Choose the correct completions.

***** Best phone ever!

1. Before I purchased this item, I **have / have had** the same phone for over five years. I **had been thinking / am thinking** about upgrading for years, but I really liked my old phone. I had also **been worried / worry** about learning to use such complicated technology. Actually, I had nothing to worry about. This phone is so easy to use! I **'ve had / 've been having** it for only three weeks, and I've already learned how to use all the major features. I've installed several apps, and the phone still has a lot of memory. I have a terrible sense of direction, and the built-in GPS **has been / had been** a lifesaver. My favorite feature is the camera. I've already **took / taken** hundreds of pictures. The picture quality is amazing. This is the best purchase I've ever made!

***** Buyers beware!

2. The price is right. That is the only good thing I can say about this phone. My friends **had warned / have been warning** me that you get what you pay for, but I didn't listen. Now I have a piece of junk. For the past two months it **has given / gave** me nothing but problems. Ever since I installed my favorite photo-editing software, the phone **is crashing / has been crashing** daily. When I try to open more than two apps, the screen freezes. It has been driving me crazy! The camera on this phone is terrible. I **'ve taken / 'd taken** better pictures on my old phone. There are much better products available.

PRACTICE 16 ▶ The simple past and the past perfect. (Charts 1-5 and 2-8)

Underline each event. Write "1" over the event that happened first and "2" over the event that happened second.

1. ¹ We had driven only two miles when ² we got a flat tire.
2. Alan told me that he had written a book.
3. By the time we arrived at the airport, the plane had already left.
4. The dog had eaten the entire roast before anyone knew it was gone.
5. We didn't stand in line for tickets because we had already bought them by mail.
6. Carl played the guitar so well because he had studied with a famous guitarist.
7. By the time the movie ended, everyone had fallen asleep.
8. After the professor had corrected the third paper, he was exhausted from writing comments on the students' papers.
9. I had just placed an order at the store for a new camera when I found a cheaper one online.

PRACTICE 17 ▶ The past perfect. (Chart 2-8)

Complete the sentences. Write the correct form of the past perfect.

1. Yesterday, John got 100% on a math exam. Before yesterday, he (*get, not*) _____ 100%.
2. Last week, Sonya met her fiancé's parents. Before that, she (*meet, not*) _____ them.
3. Caroline went to a Japanese restaurant today. Before today, she (*try, never*) _____ sushi.
4. A few days ago, Bakir cooked a frozen dinner. Before that, he (*eat, not*) _____ a frozen dinner.
5. Last week, I had to have a tooth pulled. Until then, I (*have, not*) _____ any problems with my teeth.

PRACTICE 18 ▶ The simple past and the past perfect. (Charts 1-5 and 2-8)

Complete the sentences with the simple past or past perfect form of the verb. Write the letter of the correct verb.

1. By the time Jason arrived to help, we _____ moving everything.
a. already finished b. had already finished
2. The apartment was hot when I got home, so I _____ the air conditioner.
a. turned on b. had turned on
3. The farmer's barn caught on fire some time during the night. By the time the firefighters arrived, the building _____ to the ground. It was a total loss.
a. burned b. had burned

4. The dinner I had at that restaurant was expensive! Until then, I _____ so much on one meal.
a. never spent b. had never spent
5. When I saw that Mike was having trouble, I _____ him. He was very appreciative.
a. helped b. had helped
6. My wife and I went to Disneyland when we visited Los Angeles last spring. Before that time, we _____ such a big amusement park. It was a lot of fun.
a. never visited b. had never visited
7. My flight to Australia took a long time. I _____ on airplanes for fairly long distances before, but not as long as that trip.
a. traveled b. had traveled

PRACTICE 19 ▶ The simple past and the past perfect. (Charts 1-5 and 2-8)

Write the simple past or the past perfect of the verbs in parentheses. In some cases, both forms are correct.

1. Yesterday I (*go*) _____ *went* to my daughter's dance recital.
I (*be, never*) _____ *had never been* to a dance recital before.
I (*take, not*) _____ *didn't take* dancing lessons when I (*be*) _____ *was* a child.
2. Last night, I (*eat*) _____ four servings of food at the "all-you-can-eat" special dinner at The Village Restaurant. Until that time, I (*eat, never*) _____ so much in one meal. I've felt miserable all day today.
3. A: I (*see*) _____ you in the school play last night. You (*do*) _____ a terrific acting job. (*you, act, ever*) _____ in a play before this one?
B: Yes. I (*start*) _____ acting when I was in elementary school.

PRACTICE 20 ▶ The present perfect progressive and the past perfect progressive. (Charts 2-7 and 2-10)

Choose the correct completions.

1. I'm studying English. I **have been studying / had been studying** English for several years now.
2. I came from Malaysia to live in New Zealand in 2002. I **have been studying / had been studying** English for three years before that.
3. Shhh! I want to see the end of this TV show! I **have been waiting / had been waiting** to find out who the murderer is.
4. Laura finally called me last night. I hadn't heard from her in four months. I **have been waiting / had been waiting** for that call for a long time!
5. Before Ada became a veterinarian last year, she **has been working / had been working** as a veterinarian's assistant while she was in school.
6. Li is going to quit his job. He **has been working / had been working** too many hours for too little money in this job. He is probably going to resign next week.

PRACTICE 21 ▶ The present perfect progressive and the past perfect progressive.
(Charts 2-7 and 2-10)

Complete the sentences. Write the present perfect progressive or the past perfect progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. Anna (*listen*) had been listening to loud rock music when her friends arrived, but she turned it off so all of them could study together. When they finished, she turned it back on, and now they (*dance*) have been dancing and (*sing*) singing for two hours.
2. We (*wait*) _____ for Ali for the last two hours, but he still hasn't arrived.
3. We (*wait*) _____ for Ali for over three hours before he finally arrived yesterday.
4. Oscar (*train*) _____ for the Olympics for the last three years and wants to make the national team next year.
5. The marathon runner (*run*) _____ for almost two hours when he collapsed on the pavement. He received immediate medical attention.
6. Tom had a hard time finding a job. He (*try*) _____ to get a new job for six months before he finally found a position at a local community college. Now he has a two-year contract. He (*teach*) _____ there for only a few weeks, but he likes his new job very much.
7. Dr. Sato (*perform*) _____ specialized surgery since she began working at the university hospital ten years ago. She still does many operations each year, but now her work is very famous, and she travels all over the world lecturing to other surgeons on her technique.

PRACTICE 22 ▶ Chapter review.

There is one verb error in each sentence. Correct the error.

1. *Citizen Kane* is a great classic movie. I've been seeing it ten times.
2. *War and Peace* is a long novel. I'm reading it for two months, and I am still not finished with it!
3. Our guests have left yesterday.
4. We were studying all night. Let's take a break now.
5. Let's not leave yet. I'd been having such a wonderful time at this party.
6. By the time I got home, the rest of the family has eaten.
7. I was late for my nine o'clock class, so I had run all the way from my dorm to my class.
8. Mrs. Wang isn't in the hospital anymore. She had left early this morning.
9. I was born on February 29th in 1960, a leap year. February 29th occurs only once every four years.
So by the time the 21st century began, I celebrated only ten birthdays!
10. A: Are you still on the phone? Are you holding on for someone?
B: Yes, I am. I am still holding for the technical support department. I am holding for more than half an hour!