

Verbs are **doing words**.

Past tense verbs tell us what people, animals and things **did**.

To make the **past tense**, we usually add **ed** or **d** to the verb family name.

He **walked** to the car.

He **climbed** in.

He **started** the engine.



This is the **past simple tense**.

We can also make the **past tense** like this:

He **was** walking.

You **were** watching.



This is the **past progressive tense**.

The **perfect tense** **also tells us what has happened in the past**.

We usually make the perfect tense like this:

present tense of the verb **to have** + **past simple tense form**.

He **has walked**.

You **have watched**.

Some verbs do not make their perfect tense with the past simple tense form.

Some are **irregular**.

I **have eaten**.

You **have bought**.

He **has found**.

Focus

Read the sentences.

Which two words make up the *perfect tense* in each sentence?

- 1 I have listened to the whole CD.
- 2 They have bought a goldfish.
- 3 We have reached the top of the mountain.
- 4 The crowd has left the ground.
- 5 That horse has won the race.

