

The Present Perfect Tense

The Birchbark House
Grammar: Perfect Tenses

The **present perfect tense** of a verb shows an action that began in the past and is still happening. To write the present perfect tense, use *has* or *have* as a helping verb. Then write the correct form of the main verb.

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She has lived in the village since she was born.

They have taken this road many times.

Thinking Questions

Is the helping verb in the present tense? Is the main verb in the past participle form?

Activity Write the present perfect tense of the verb in parentheses on the line.

1. Angel and I (know) _____ each other since third grade.
2. Chess (be) _____ a part of our culture for a long time.
3. We (play) _____ many games of chess together.
4. Jusef (learn) _____ to play chess, too.
5. A new family (move) _____ into town.
6. The new girl (tell) _____ us about traditions in her culture.
7. They (be) _____ busy unpacking their things.
8. I (finish) _____ all my extra chores.