

Connect to Writing

The Birchbark House
Grammar: Connect to Writing

The perfect tenses of verbs describe past and continuing action.

Present Perfect

I have adopted a dog.

Past PerfectI had thought about
going to a pet store.**Future Perfect**The dog will have received
all his shots by tomorrow.

Activity Read each sentence. Rewrite the sentence using the correct perfect tense of the underlined verb.

1. (future perfect) I finished my packing in time for dinner.
2. (past perfect) We already set a time to meet for the festival of culture.
3. (present perfect) Jason met some new friends at school.
4. (future perfect) By tomorrow, Allison will meet all of them.
5. (present perfect) They agreed to meet at the park and wear costumes.
6. (past perfect) Remember, you said you would come!