Grammar Revision Exercise 3  
Simple Past Tense and Present Perfect Tense

Examples:

Sharon finished all her examinations last week. (Simple Past Tense)
Sharon has finished all her last examination since last Tuesday. (Present Perfect Tense)

Peter stayed online for 8 hours last night. (Simple Past Tense)
Peter has stayed online for much longer before. (Present Perfect Tense)

Past Perfect Tense with ‘before’ and ‘after’

Examples:

Louie had washed her hands before she cooked her meal.

Ben went to bed after he had switched off his computer.
Simple Past Tense | Present Perfect Tense | Past Perfect Tense
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When the *event ended* in the past. | 1. When the *event continues* from the past to the present.  
2. When the *event is at an unspecified time* in the past. | When you are referring to *two events* in the past, with a *before and after* order.

A) Present Perfect Tense types

Write A for events that are ongoing from past to present, and B for events are in an *unspecified* time in the past.

1. Frank has made several videos of his family vacations.  
2. My brothers have liked science-fiction movies since they were children.  
3. I have already seen that movie.  
4. Their store has been burglarized many times.  
5. I have tried to reach you by phone for hours.  
6. A new vaccine has been developed.  
7. Professor Carlson has been teaching at this university for two years.  
8. No one has seen Mark since Tuesday.  
9. I have been working on my essay for five hours.  
10. The bay has always been polluted.

B) Simple Past Tense and Present Perfect Tense

Fill in the blanks with the past tense and present perfect tense.

1. We _____________ (finish) all our homework already!  
2. John _____________ (sell) his Play Station 2 last week.  
3. I _____________ (eat) my brother’s ice cream when he wasn’t looking.  
4. Mary _____________ (play) on the National badminton team since 1998.  
5. Michael _____________ (try) to do his best at the competition.
C) Proofreading Exercise – Present Perfect Tense

I think that I should speak at least three languages. I can speak English, my native language, and I studied Spanish all my life, so I can speak two languages fluently. For many years, I wanted to learn how to speak Portuguese, and now I finally have the opportunity because I enrolled in a beginning Portuguese class last month. Since then, I went to class regularly and studied the assigned textbook, but my pronunciation is comical, so I work with a tutor every Tuesday. Luckily, my tutor also speaks Spanish and traveled many times in Spain, Portugal, and South America, so he can answer my questions about language and culture. He helped me a great deal, especially with idioms, which take a long time to learn, particularly if you didn't go to the country where the idioms are spoken.

D) Past Perfect Tense with ‘before’ and ‘after’
Fill in the blanks with the past tense and past perfect tense.

1. Eva ___________________ (prepare) her cooking materials before she ___________________ (teach) her cooking class.
2. Oscar ___________________ (finish) his Christmas shopping before the holiday season ___________________ (start).
3. After she ___________________ (slap) her boyfriend, she ___________________ (break) up with him.
4. Jack ___________________ (turn) down the volume of his music after his brother ___________________ (go) to sleep.
5. Before I ___________________ (send) the email, I ___________________ (check) the address again.
6. He ___________________ (change) the last two digits of his phone number, before he
E) Proofreading Exercise – Past Perfect Tense

All of us can think of annoying or embarrassing experiences we have had. One in particular comes to mind when I am reminiscing about the past. It occurred on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving in 1990; I just finished doing the dishes and was ready to take the garbage out. Wrapping it securely and walking downstairs, I suddenly felt something underfoot and heard a snapping noise. A second later, my feet slipped and I found myself sitting on the stairs. It got dark early, so I couldn’t see very well, but I finally spotted what I stepped on: it was a very small, hard pine cone. I was so annoyed that I threw it into the neighbor's yard. Then I picked up the garbage and put it in the trash can, limped upstairs, and examined my foot. It already got red and slightly swollen. When I went to the doctor the next day, he took an X-ray, examined it and announced that I broke my foot. When I told him what happened, he laughed out loud, then sent me to have a cast put on. I never wore a cast or used crutches in my whole life, but I learned how to get around quite efficiently. Ever since then, I have had a healthy respect for the power of the pine cone.