

Module 5 - Perfect aspect

Perfect aspect in the past, present and future

1 Put the following words and phrases into the correct column in the table below.

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| • by the time I was five | • before I came to my lesson |
| • yet | • by this time next week |
| • by midnight tonight | • so far |
| • by the time I finish this course | • before the end of this year |
| • by the time I started school | • lately |
| • recently | • by last Monday |
| • before now | • before the end of this month |

Before a point in the past	From the past until now	Before a point in the future

2 Which tenses are often used with each group of phrases in the table?

- a Before a point in the past _____
- b From the past until now _____
- c Before a point in the future _____

3 Complete the following sentences below with information about yourself.

Achievements (or lack of achievement) in childhood

By the age of three _____

By the time I started school _____

By the time I was ten _____

Achievements (or lack of achievement) so far

_____ so far.

_____ yet.

Up until now _____

Future ambitions

By this time next year _____

By the time I'm sixty-five _____

By the time I finish this course _____



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Teacher's notes

This worksheet can be used after covering the material on pages 56-57.

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by the time I was five by the time I started school before I came to my lesson by last Monday	yet recently before now so far lately	by midnight tonight by the time I finish this course by this time next week before the end of this year before the end of this month

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- a past perfect
- b present perfect
- c future perfect

3 Give the students some examples from your own life to help get them started. You may also want to remind students that *yet* is usually used in negative sentences.

