Past Participle

Introduction

1) A past participle refers to the form of a verb which is used in forming perfect and passive tenses (and sometimes used as an adjective).

Olivia has lived in Greece for 4 years.

2) We usually add -(e)d to the base form of the regular verb to form the past participle.

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There is no pattern as to forming the past participle of the irregular verbs. You should always consult a dictionary.

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We can use the part participle:

a) in the perfect tenses (Present Perfect, Past Perfect, Future Perfect).

I've eaten too much! I can't move. (present perfect)

James had already left when Pam arrived. (past perfect)

We will have landed by that hour. (future perfect)

b) in the passive voice.

He was **driven** by genuine interest and curiosity.

This dress was **made** by a famous Italian designer.

c) as an adjective. In this case, place it before a noun.

Mike has **broken** *his arm.* \rightarrow *He has a* **broken** *arm now.*

Someone has stolen Ann's purse. \rightarrow Her purse was **stolen**.

Short Story Dialogue

- Erhm, I might have **spilled** orange juice on your dress.

- What? What have you **done**? I am **supposed** to wear it tonight!

– I don't know how it happened. And you shouldn't have left it in the living room. You know that I'm messy…

- Stop with these excuses! Google how we can get rid of this stain. I don't have any other dress to wear.



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- b. Have you (to brush) your teeth, sweetie?
- c. The movie has already (to begin) We need to hurry!
- d. I was (to wake) up by my noisy neighbour.
- e. Sadly, my family has never (to be) abroad.
- f. I suppose that they'll have (to arrive) by that time tomorrow.
- g. Emma's phone was (to steal) and now she needs to buy a new one.
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