PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE PERFECT TENSES

A. Underline the present perfect, past perfect, or future perfect verb in each sentence. Be sure to include the helping verb.

1. Sheila had done something new.
2. She had purchased snowshoes.
3. She has been reading about how to use them.
4. By next weekend, she will have gained some confidence.
5. By the end of the year, she will have tried them out in snow.
6. Going snowshoeing has been a goal of hers for years.
7. She had thought about buying snowshoes long before she ever got them.

B. On the line, tell whether the underlined verb is in the present perfect, past perfect, or future perfect tense.

1. Dave had looked at that brand many times before he bought it. ______________________
2. He has worn that brand of sneakers for years. ______________________
3. By the time he graduates next fall, he will have bought about forty pairs of those sneakers. ______________________
4. Sneakers have been the most popular footwear for decades. ______________________
5. I will have bought a new pair by next January. ______________________
6. We have been buying special cross-training sneakers for years. ______________________
7. My mother had worn tennis sneakers before she bought her first cross-trainers. ______________________
8. She has been so pleased with her new sneakers. ______________________
9. He had walked every day for a year before buying new sneakers. ______________________
10. By the end of the day, she will have run ten miles. ______________________

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A. On the line, write the present perfect form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Sam (earn) some money at his new job.
2. He (make) more than fifty dollars.
3. He (help) with work in their yards.
4. People (give) him lots of different chores.

B. On the line, write the past perfect form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Before he turned twelve, neighbors (ask) Sam for help with their lawns.
2. Before then, Sam (think) of doing yard work.
3. He (speak) with his mother about earning money.
4. She (say) yes to him before he got his first customer.

C. On the line, write the future perfect form of the verb in parentheses.

1. By June, Sam (earn) enough money for a new bike.
2. Perhaps, by then, he also (find) a new way to make money.
3. Malik (learn) many things by then.
4. Jenna (meet) all his friends.
5. With the help of his father, he (mow) all of his neighbors’ lawns by the end of the week.

On a separate piece of paper, write a paragraph describing two goals that you will have achieved by the end of this summer.

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2. had purchased  
3. has been reading  
4. will have gained  
5. will have tried  
6. has been  
7. had thought
B. 1. past perfect  
2. present perfect  
3. future perfect  
4. present perfect  
5. future perfect  
6. present perfect  
7. past perfect  
8. present perfect  
9. past perfect  
10. future perfect

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A. 1. has earned  
2. has made  
3. has helped  
4. has given
B. 1. had asked  
2. had thought  
3. had spoken  
4. had said
C. 1. will have earned  
2. will have found  
3. will have learned  
4. will have met  
5. will have mowed