

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Language and Conventions

## Perfect Verb Tenses

Verb tense can be thought of in terms of past, present, and future:

- **Past:** what has already happened or has already been (*walked*)
- **Present:** what is happening right now (*walk*)
- **Future:** what will happen or what will be (*will walk*)

Perfect tenses are a little different. They use a helping verb to show how actions are related in time:

- **Past perfect:** shows an action that began and ended in the past (*we had walked*)
- **Present perfect:** shows an action that began in the past and ended in the present (*we have walked*)
- **Future perfect:** shows an action that will start and end in the future (*we will have walked*)

**My TURN** Complete the sentences using the verb and verb tense shown.

1. Elisa (**offer; past perfect**) \_\_\_\_\_ to help Tyler with his project.
2. By the time he is fifteen, Jack (**read; future perfect**) \_\_\_\_\_ many books.
3. We (**drive; past perfect**) \_\_\_\_\_ a long way to get here.
4. DeMarcus (**ask; past perfect**) \_\_\_\_\_ his mom if she needed help making dinner.
5. By the end of the summer, Rasheed (**harvest; future perfect**) \_\_\_\_\_ peppers, carrots, and squash.