**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to use the perfect form of verbs.

**Challenge 1  
Decide if the following sentences are in the present perfect or the past perfect form.**

1. I have never seen a sea snake although I have seen many land snakes.

**past perfect/present perfect**

1. The sea snake has been underwater for nearly two hours on a single breath.

**past perfect/present perfect**

1. Approximately twenty-five percent of its oxygen requirement had been absorbed through its skin from the surrounding water.

**past perfect/present perfect**

1. One way in which sea snakes have adapted to their marine environment is they have special glands in their tongues to expel the salt from the water they have swallowed.

**past perfect/present perfect**

**Challenge 2  
Read the reminder below and then rewrite the following sentences using the perfect form stated.**

**Present perfect form - A sentence must include the word ‘has’ or ‘have’ and the main verb must end in –ed (unless it is an irregular verb).**

**Past perfect form - A sentence must include the word ‘had’ and the main verb must end in –ed (unless it is an irregular verb).**

1. The sea snake **chased** its prey through the murky ocean. (past perfect)
2. The sea snake **swims** for up to two hours on a single breath. (present perfect)
3. These fascinating creatures **modified** their already streamlined bodies to become high performance swimmers. (present perfect)
4. The prawn **was bitten** by the sea snake which then ate it quickly. (past perfect)
5. The snake’s nostrils **close** when it goes underwater and **open** when it *comes* up to breathe. (past perfect)

**Challenge 3**

flattened

submerged

high performance

paddle-like

absorbed

thrusted

venomous

elongated

modified

**Imagine that you are a marine biologist. You have just returned from a diving expedition in the Indian Ocean where you witnessed sea snakes scouring a reef for food. It’s time to write a diary entry about your encounter with these captivating creatures. Your diary entry must include the following features:**

* At least one sentence that uses the present perfect form
* At least one sentence that uses the past perfect form
* Four or more words from the Word Wall
* At least one example of figurative language

streamlined

**Word Wall**