

Which Tense?

Read each sentence below and decide whether it is in the simple, progressive or perfect form of the past tense. The first one has been done for you.

	Simple past	Progressive Past	Past perfect
I stood on the riverbank under the trees.	/		
The river was flowing swiftly by.			
Happily, I launched my boat into the water.			
I had watched the leaves on the current.			
The river made castles of foam.			
My little ship drifted away towards the old mill.			
Clouds were bustling across the sky.			
Finally, the boat had reached the distant shore.			
A group of children pulled my paper ship from the water and clapped with delight.			

Now, using a piece of lined paper or your own exercise book, turn each of the simple past tense sentences that you found into the past perfect form.

If you have done all of them, try writing some sentences of your own in the past perfect form. You could either make your sentences about boats and rivers or about something else you like to do with water!