

## I can use the perfect tense to mark relationships of time and cause.

The **present perfect progressive** (with *have* or *has*) is used when we want to show that something happened some time in the past and is still happening now.

She has been mixing potions since she was a child.

The **past perfect progressive** (with *had*) is used when we want to show that something started in the past and continued up until another time in the past.

She had been mixing potions up until the day she was burnt at the stake.

The **past perfect progressive** can also be used before another action in the past to show cause and effect. (You will usually see it after the conjunction **because**.)

Because she had been mixing potions, she was put on trial for being a witch.

**A** Complete the sentences below using a verb in the **present** perfect progressive to mark the relationship of time.

- 1 The witches ..... for over an hour. (**cackle**)
- 2 Severus Snape ..... at Hogwarts for years. (**teach**)
- 3 The wizard ..... his spell book for over three years. (**write**)
- 4 Harry Potter ..... quidditch for the house competition. (**practise**)



**B** Complete the sentences below using a verb in the **past** perfect progressive to mark the relationship of time.

- 1 The apprentice witch ..... the broomstick for hours before she could get it to stop. (**ride**)
- 2 Hermione Granger ..... sorcery at Hogwarts before Harry Potter arrived. (**study**)
- 3 Merlin ..... the boy Arthur long before he became King Arthur. (**teach**)
- 4 Ron Weasley ..... Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Beans when Harry entered the carriage. (**eat**)



**C** Complete the sentences below using a verb in the **past** perfect progressive to mark the relationship of cause.

- 1 Amber Dripping failed the test because she ..... not ..... at home. (**study**)
- 2 The witches were sent for trial because they ..... potions. (**make**)
- 3 Dorothy Gale was crying because the Wicked Witch of the West ..... at her. (**shout**)
- 4 The Samlesbury witches were arrested because they ..... witchcraft. (**practise**)

