

Verb Tenses Made Easy

swim / swam	had / have / has lain
ring / rang	had / have / has rung
drink / drank	had / have / has drunk
run / ran	had / have / has run
go / went	had / have / has gone
begin / began	had / have / has begun
speak / spoke	had / have / has spoken
lay (transitive) laid	had / have / has laid
lie (intransitive)	had / have / has swum

Transitive verbs require a direct object, which is a noun or pronoun that receives the action of the verb.

example: “Monkeys *eat* bananas.”
 “eat” is **transitive**, “bananas” is the direct object

Intransitive verbs do *not* require a direct object and have meaning on their own.

example: “Fish swim.”
 “swim” is **intransitive** because there is no direct object.