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- Using the perfect tense

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[to miss, be
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L'année dernière	Last year
d'abord	firstly
ensuite	next
plus tard	later
oublier	to forget/forgetting
rater	to miss/missing
casser	to break/breaking
voler	to steal/stealing
perdre	to lose/losing
prendre un coup de soleil	to get sunburnt/getting sunburnt
quelqu'un	someone/somebody





Meanings of the perfect tense



1. The perfect tense is used to talk about completed actions in the past.
2. Verbs conjugated in the perfect tense in French have two meanings in English.
3. The perfect tense is made up of three parts: pronoun, auxiliary, past participle.

1. Pronoun	2. Auxiliary	3. Past participle
J'	ai	volé cassé oublié raté
On	a	cassé perdu
Quelqu'un	a	*pris



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1. When forming the perfect tense, you need the pronoun, the auxiliary and the...	Past participle
2. The auxiliary comes from the verb...	avoir
3. To form the past participle with ER verbs, you remove the ER and add...	é
4. 'J'ai oublié' has two meanings...	I forgot/I have forgotten
5. 'Quelqu'un a volé' =	Someone stole

