

## Past-Tense

### What is Past Tense?

- Past tense expresses actions or events that have already happened.
- It helps in talking about something that occurred in the past.

### Types of Past Tense

There are four types of past tense:

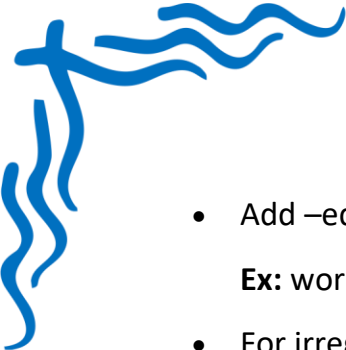
Tense	Example
Simple Past	I sang.
Past Continuous	I was singing.
past Perfect	I had sung.
Past Perfect Continuous	I had been singing.

### Simple Past Tense

#### Usage

- To show a completed action in the past.  
**Ex:** She arrived yesterday.
- To express a single past event  
**Ex:** He opened the window.
- To denote past habits  
**Ex:** I often went to bed at 9:30.
- To express an action that began and ended in the past  
**Ex:** She worked in this office from 2009 to 2013.

### Formation Rules



- Add –ed / –d / –t to regular verbs.  
**Ex:** work → worked, play → played
- For irregular verbs, use the specific past form.  
**Ex:** go → went, fly → flew, write → wrote

## Past Continuous Tense

### Usage

- To describe an action that was happening in the past.  
**Ex:** She was cooking.
- To describe an ongoing past action that was interrupted  
**Ex:** He was playing when the phone rang.
- To show two or more actions happening together in the past  
**Ex:** While Riya was reading, Rahul was sleeping.

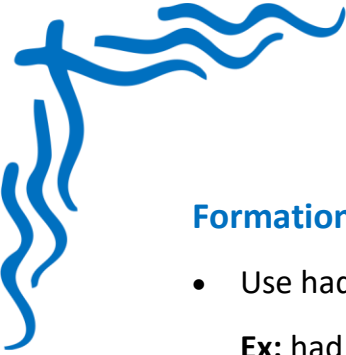
### Formation Rules

Subject	Helping Verb	Verb Form
I / He / She / It	was	was + base + ing
We / You / They	were	were + base + ing
I / He / She / It	was	was + base + ing

## Past Perfect Tense

### Usage

- To show an action completed before another action in the past.  
**Ex:** The patient had died before the doctor arrived.
- To describe a completed action before a certain time in the past.  
**Ex:** She had cooked dinner before 8 p.m.



### Formation Rules

- Use had + past participle of the verb.  
**Ex:** had gone, had played, had finished

### Past Perfect Continuous Tense

#### Usage

- To describe an action that started in the past and continued till a specific time  
**Ex:** She had been living there for 10 years.
- To show an action that was ongoing before another past action  
**Ex:** I had been reading before he arrived.

### Formation Rules

- had been + base verb + ing  
**Ex:** had been singing, had been writing

### Key Examples from the Chapter

#### ❖ Simple Past:

I met him yesterday.

She bought a new dress.

#### ❖ Past Continuous:

Dev and Ratan were playing badminton.

I was watching TV when he came.

#### ❖ Past Perfect:

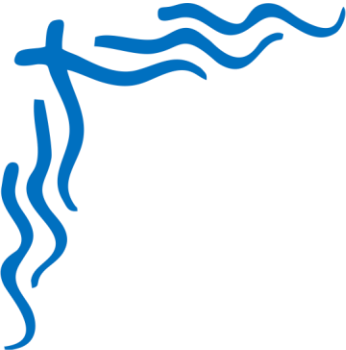
The rain had stopped when we left.

My uncle had bought a car.

#### ❖ Past Perfect Continuous:

She had been reading for two hours.

He had been drinking milk when I entered.



### Points to Remember

- Simple Past: Completed action in the past.
- Past Continuous: Ongoing action in the past.
- Past Perfect: Action completed before another past action.
- Past Perfect Continuous: Action continuing before a past point.