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Past Tense

Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the structure and use of the simple past tense.
- They will learn to form positive, negative, and interrogative sentences in the simple past tense.
- They will identify and apply the correct form of regular and irregular verbs in past tense sentences.



Lead in

Read the conversation and observe the coloured words.

Raj : Hi Rohit! I **missed** school yesterday.
Can you tell me what **happened** in the class?

Rohit : Sure! We **solved** math problems in the Maths period and
learnt about the tense in the English period.

The highlighted words in the above conversation are in past tense.



Past Tense

The **past tense** expresses action in the past time.

Past Tense Chart

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Simple Past Tense | I sang . |
| 2. Past Continuous Tense | I was singing . |
| 3. Past Perfect Tense | I had sung . |
| 4. Past Perfect Continuous | I had been singing . |

Let us learn about the first three past tense in detail.



Simple Past Tense

The **simple past tense** is the basic form of the past tense.

The simple past tense is used :

- To express actions, events in the past

Examples :

1. She **arrived** here yesterday.
2. We **visited** the zoo.





➤ **To express single action in the past**

Examples :

1. He **opened** the window again.
2. Virat **hit** a four again.

➤ **To denote some past habits**

Examples :

1. I often **went** to bed 9:30 p.m. during my childhood days.

2. She often **played** the guitar in the evening.

➤ **To express actions that began and ended in the past**

1. I **worked** in this office from 2009 to 2013.
2. She **spent** her childhood in her uncle's home.

Formation of Simple Past Tense

The Simple Past Tense	Rules	Examples
For all nouns and pronouns	Use the root form of the verb + ed	I played . We worked .
	Make some necessary changes in the root form of the verb before adding -ed	She tried . It hopped .
	Change one or more letters in the root form of the verb	He flew a kite.
	Some verbs don't change	She cut an apple.

A. Fill in the blanks with the simple past tense form of the verbs given in the brackets.

1. Sara _____ (write) a letter.
2. Grandma _____ (tell) me a story.
3. She _____ (come) here last Sunday.
4. Raj _____ (buy) a new dress.
5. I _____ (meet) him yesterday.



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B. Match the columns to form correct sentences. Underline the verbs in the simple past tense.

Column 'A'

1. R.N. Tagore
2. Abdul Kalam
3. Shah Jahan
4. Mahatma Gandhi
5. Graham Bell
6. Sachin Tendulkar

Column 'B'

- (a) received the Bharat Ratna.
- (b) invented the telephone.
- (c) composed our National Anthem.
- (d) wrote the book India 2020.
- (e) built the Taj Mahal.
- (f) advocated in non-violence.



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C. Find the simple past tense form of the verbs given below in the crossword puzzle and circle them.

CLUE

Across

1. put
2. take
3. give
4. bend
5. hold
6. stand
7. like
8. begin
9. leave
10. cut
11. cry
12. run

R	D	Q	L	C	B	M	M	O	M	R
M	P	C	A	H	R	P	A	P	U	T
L	L	V	T	O	O	K	D	E	L	X
G	A	V	E	S	U	C	E	N	R	V
D	Y	O	O	E	G	D	B	E	N	T
M	E	T	B	C	H	E	L	D	N	O
V	D	A	R	S	T	O	O	D	P	L
I	R	L	O	M	D	L	P	D	V	D
S	L	I	K	E	D	Y	U	V	C	R
I	V	B	E	G	A	N	L	E	F	T
T	C	U	T	L	V	P	L	E	Q	O
E	O	C	Z	C	R	I	E	D	C	D
D	M	R	A	N	K	M	D	C	R	Y

Down

1. play
2. choose
3. bring
4. make
5. visit
6. open
7. tell
8. pull

Past Continuous Tense

The **past continuous tense** is used :

To describe an action that was in progress in the past

Examples :

1. Sujay **was drawing** a picture.
2. Dev and Ratan **were playing** badminton.

➤ **To show that something was going on and suddenly something happened**

Examples :

1. Somesh **was playing** the piano when Ryan called him.
2. They **were eating** their breakfast when Madhu called them.

➤ **To describe two or more actions going on at the same time**

Examples :

1. While Deepak **was singing**, his brother **was watching**.
2. While Priya **was reading** a book, Rishabh **was playing** ludo.





Formation of Past Continuous Tense

The Past Continuous Tense	Rules	Examples
With I, he, she, it and singular nouns	Use was + the root form of the verb + ing	She was singing .
With we, you, they and plural nouns	Use were + the root form of verb + ing	They were working in the field.
	Sometimes the spellings are changed before adding -ing	He was writing a letter.

D. Complete this story by filling in the correct form of past tense (simple past or past continuous) form of the verbs given in the brackets.



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1. One day a lion _____ (walk) through the forest when he _____ (step) on a thorn. It _____ (hurt) him a lot and he _____ (cry) out in pain. He _____ (limp) along the forest when he _____ (see) a shepherd. He _____ (go) near the shepherd. The shepherd _____ (see) that the lion _____ (limp). He _____ (examine) his paw. He _____ (find) the thorn and _____ (pull) it out. The lion _____ (wag) his tail to thank him. Some people _____ (do) not like the shepherd.

2. They _____ (say) that he _____ (is) a thief. One day, the shepherd _____ (look) after his sheep when the king's soldiers _____ (come) to arrest him. They _____ (take) him to the King. The king _____ (order) them to throw the shepherd into a lion's cage. The lion _____ (roar) loudly seeing the man, but when it _____ (come) near him, it at once _____ (recognize) the shepherd. It _____ (is) the same lion that the shepherd had helped in the forest. When the King _____ (know) why the lion wouldn't kill the shepherd, he _____ (give) orders to free both of them.

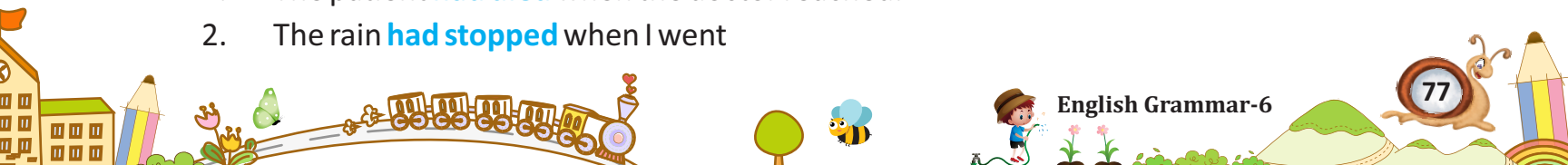
Past Perfect Tense

We use the **past perfect tense** :

➤ **To talk about an action that took place before another action began in the past**

Examples :

- The patient **had died** when the doctor reached.
- The rain **had stopped** when I went





To talk about an action that was completed before some point in the past

Examples :

1. My uncle **had bought** a new car.
2. The other day she **had cooked** dinner by 8 p.m.

Formation of Past Perfect Tense

The Past Perfect Tense	Rule	Examples
For all nouns and pronouns	Use had + past participle form of verbs (Note : the past participle form of verbs end in ed, d, en, t.)	I had finished my homework.

E. Fill in the blanks with the past perfect tense of verbs given in the brackets.

1. The shopkeeper _____ (close) the shop before we reached there.
2. The guests _____ (arrive) by 8 a.m.
3. Mother _____ (cook) dinner before father returned.
4. She _____ (see) the Taj Mahal earlier.
5. We _____ (finish) our work before she arrived.



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F. Complete the following sentences using the simple past or the past perfect tense form.

1. When Vikas _____ (go) to see the zebra, Sara _____ already _____ (see) them.
2. After the family _____ (eat) breakfast, they _____ (go) to the museum.
3. Shreya _____ (turn on) the radio after she _____ (finish) her homework.
4. When he _____ (arrive), the match _____ already _____ (start).

Past Perfect Continuous Tense

The Past Perfect Continuous Tense is used:

- To express an action that started in the past and continued up to some time

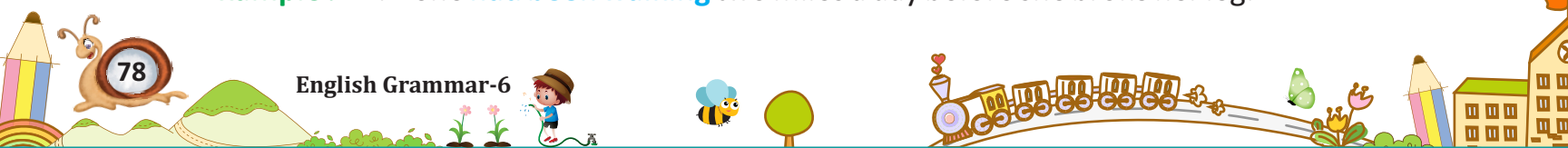
Example : 1. The teacher **had been teaching** the children for five years.

- To express an action that had been going on before another past action

Example : 1. She **had been walking** two miles a day before she broke her leg.



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Formation of Past Perfect Continuous Tense

The Past Perfect Continuous Tense	Rules	Examples
For all nouns and pronouns	Use had + been + verb (ing)	I had been singing for two hours.

G. Fill in the blanks with the past perfect tense form of the verbs given in the brackets.



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- I _____ (work) all day.
- We _____ (wait) for you for two hours before the train finally arrived.
- She _____ (sleep) for ten hours when her mother woke her up.
- He _____ (drink) milk out of the carton when mother walked into the kitchen.



Points to Remember

- The simple past tense is used to express actions, **events in the Past**.
- The **Past continuous tense** is used to describe an action that was in progress in the past.
- The **Past perfect tense** is used to talk about an action began in the past.
- The **Past perfect tense** is used to talk about an action that was completed before at some point in the past.
- The **Past perfect continuous tense** is used to express an action that started in the past and continued up to some time.
- The **Past perfect continuous tense** is used to express an action that had been going on before another past action.



My Activity Corner

Here is some information about a famous French scientist. Use this information to write a paragraph about her. (Use simple past tense)

Name	Marie Curie	
Nationality	Poland	
Year of birth	1867	
Profession	Physicist, Chemist	
Spouse	Pierre Curie	
Children	Irene Joliot-Curie, Eve Curie	





Discoveries and Inventions	Radioactivity; Polonium; Radium
Awards	Nobel Prize in Physics, Nobel Prize in Chemistry
Year of death	1934



My EeeBee Interactive Activities



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