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Subject : English Language

Class : VI

Topic : Past Tense

Good Morning Students

Today we will study and understand about the past tense!

(Simple Past Tense)

(Past Continuous Tense)

(Past Perfect Tense)

(Past Perfect Continuous Tense)

Simple Past Tense

The simple past tense is used to refer to actions that were completed before the time of speaking.

Eg: * Navendra was late for school.
* The dog barked last night.

In the simple past tense the form of the verb remains the same.

To form the simple past, we generally add '-d' or '-ed' to the base form of the verb.

Eg: * Krishna waved at her friends
* He cheered for our team during the match.

The negative is formed by adding 'did not' to the base form of the verb.

Eg: I did not go on a vacation.

Past Continuous Tense

The past continuous tense is used for an action that was continuing for some time in the past.

Eg: Mother was helping me with my work.
The driver was talking to the passengers.

Forming the Past Continuous Tense

Verbs in the past continuous tense have the following forms:

1. I/He/She + was + mainverb + ing
2. He/You/They/Plural subject + were + mainverb + ing

The negative is formed by adding was/were + not to the present participle form of Verb.

Eg: I was not playing.

To form the interrogative, the positions of the subject and the auxiliary verb are interchanged.

- * Were we walking very fast?
- * Was she sleeping?
- * Was she feeling hungry?
- * Were the children not playing?

Past Perfect Tense

The past perfect tense denotes an action that was completed at a specific time in the past and before the beginning of another action. It takes the form had + past participle form of the verb.

Eg. * I had gone to bed when the bell rang.
* He had finished shopping before the
* rain started.

* We use past perfect tense — the action which was completed first.

* We use simple past tense — for the events which occurred later.

Forming the Past Perfect Tense

The assertive sentences takes — had + past participle
Eg: The dog had barked at the thief.

The negative has — had + not + past participle

Eg: We had not seen him in three days.
I had not gone to the library.

In interrogative, the positions of subject and auxiliary verb are interchanged.

Eg: Have you read this book before?
Has she gone to sleep?

Past Perfect Continuous Tense

The past perfect continuous tense shows an action that continued for some time in the past before getting completed.

had + been + verb + ing

Eg: She had been preparing for the board exams for three months.

Forming the Past Perfect Continuous Tense

* For Assertive sentence

had + been + verb + ing

She had been sleeping since morning.

* For Negative sentence

had + not been + present participle

She had not been coming to school regularly.

* For interrogative sentence

had + subject + been + verb + ing

Had I been talking in my sleep?

