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Subject - English Language

Chapter - 11 Past Tense

Good morning students

Today we will be doing the Past tense as a part of your English Language assignment. Students in our previous lesson we have done with present tense. Here we will start with past tense. All of you must be knowing that the verbs in the past tense refer to actions that happened previously. Let us revise the four forms of past tense.

1. Simple Past Tense - The simple past tense is used to talk about actions completed in the past. Generally, we use time markers to indicate past tense.

- Usage of Simple Past Tense -

- Simple past tense is used for describing completed actions in the past.

Example -

- Last year, I went for a vacation to Goa.

- Radhika fed her puppy.

- for expressing a series of completed actions in the past.

Example - We reached the airport,

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checked in, collected our boarding pass and then relaxed in the lounge.

* Rules for making the simple past tense -

• Affirmative

Syntax - $S + V_2 + O$

Example - They went out meal.

• Negative

Syntax - $S + \text{did not} + V_1 + O$

Example - They did not go out for meal.

• Interrogative -

Syntax - $\text{Did} + S + V_1 + O + ?$

Example - Did they go out for meal?

• Negative Interrogative

Syntax - $\text{Did} + S + \text{not} + V_1 + O + ?$

Example - Did they not go out for meal?

- Students now you will be asked a few questions to check your understanding about the simple past tense.

- Fill in the blanks with simple past form of the verbs.

1. Last weekend I go _____ to Mumbai for annual meet.

2. It be _____ an amazing experience.

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- iii We (visit) _____ the museums and other historic places.
 iv The birds (perch) _____ on the branches of the tree.
 v I _____ (hear) his success stories.

Students break is over we will continue with the topic.

2. Past Continuous Tense

The Past Continuous expresses an unfinished or incomplete action in the past.

- * Past continuous tense is used -
 - to describe an unfinished action that was interrupted by other event or action.
 Example -

- Krishna was playing the flute when the villagers gathered.

- Marc was playing the guitar when the door bell rang.

- to describe parallel actions in the past.
 Example -

Varun was jumping while Karnav was playing hockey.

- to describe the background in a story in the past.

Example - She was looking for her younger

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one while he was relaxing under the tree.

to express a change of mind

Example -

I was going to help grandpa in the garden.

Rules for making past Continuous tense.

- Affirmative

Syntax - S + was/were + V₁ + ing + O

Example - They were swimming in the pool.

- Negative

Syntax - S + was/were + not + V₁ + ing + O

Example - They were not swimming in the pool.

- Interrogative

Syntax - Was/were + S + V₁ + ing + O + ?

Example - Were they swimming in the pool?

Alright students we have done with Simple past and past Continuous tense. Now you all are required to revise the content carefully and try to attempt exercises - A & B given in your book as a part of your home assignment.
 Thank you.

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