

Class_6 th Grammar

Chapter_ 14. (Past Tense)

Past tense refers to actions that took place before the present. It also refers to states that existed in the past.

Example_ I **made** a sandwich.

People **were** trying to run away.

The patient **was** very depressed.

1. Simple past_ base form of the verb + ed(and special forms of for some verbs)

Example_ Leela **Painted** a house yesterday.

She **drew** a tiger last week.

2. Past continuous_ **was/were+ ing form of the main verb.**

Example_ Rahul **was running** on the beach.

3.past perfect_ **had+ past participle of the main verb.**

Example_. Sudeep **had failed** twice in the exam.

4. Past perfect continuous_ **had + been+ing form of the main verb.**

Example_ Ram **had been practising** yoga for many years till 1990.

Exercise_1. Complete the following passage using the simple past tense forms of the verbs given in the brackets .

Ans. Soma **was** (be) an adventurous girl. She **wanted** (want) to be a detective when she **grew**(grow) up. Her friend in all her adventures **was** (be) her faithful dog Shwan.

Exercise_2. Make sentences in the past continuous using the sentence parts given below.

Ans. 1. Three soldiers **were running** after the Smuglers.

2. It **was raining** in Kuala Lumpur when we reached there.

3. Bhim **was taking** bath when the phone rang.

4. Vivek and Jessie **were writing** reports when the teacher came.

5. Satellite television **was becoming** popular in the 1990s

6. People **were fetching** water from the public tap 2 kilometers away before this well was dug.

Exercise_3. Complete the following sentences using the past perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.

- Ans. 1. Sumesh **had left** for home before his parcel arrived.(leave)
2. Ansarii's cat **had killed** the pigeon before we saw it. (Kill)
3. Yesterday we again saw the man who **had sold** us his bicycle.(sell)
4. After everyone **had given** their speeches, dinner was served.(give)
5. I **had forgotten** to lock the room before I went out.(forget)
6. Amar **had pulled** the trigger before Nazim could stop him.(pull)
7. They shifted to the place where they **had lived** earlier.(live)
8. The guide took us to a godown where a hundred soldiers **had hidden** during the war.(Hide).
9. Ankit showed us the video he **had shot** at the air.(shoot)
10. Vineet decided to buy the picture book which he **had seen** on a website.(see)

Exercise_4. Complete the following sentences using appropriate clauses with past perfect continuous verb forms. The main verbs are given in brackets.

- Ans. 1. Santosh looked all drenched because **he had been playing** (play)
2. When Arvind won his first prize for poetry, **he had been writing** (write)
3. **She had been watching** , when her mother asked her to start studying.(watch)
4. Nandana finally killed the wasp that **had been pestering**. (Pester)
5. I used an empty bottle **that had been lying**.(lie)
6. When Hashim came to Banglore, **he had been carrying a bag**.(carry)
7. **He had been sleeping** when the officer entered. (Sleeping)