

yesterday evening at around 9 p.m.

Rohan: What were (was/were) you doing there that late?

Ahmed: We both were leaving (left / were leaving) from our music class. I told (was telling / told) Ishaan to wait for the red light, but you know how careless he is. He was crossing (crossed / was crossing) the road when a speeding car hit (was hitting / hit) him.

Rohan: I thought (thought / was thinking) that this habit may have changed by now.

Ahmed: When I reached (was reaching / reached) the hospital, the doctors were examining (were examining / examined) Ishaan for any internal injuries.

Rohan: Did (were/did) you inform (informing/inform) his parents?

Ahmed: When I informed (informed / was informing) his mother, she broke (was breaking / broke) into tears. I felt (was feeling / felt) so bad for the entire family.

Work at the following sentences.

The gardener **had watered** the plants before he cut the grass.

He **had watched** the movie with his friends.

She **had given** the documents to the manager by 10 a.m.

In the sentences above, all the three forms of the verbs show that the actions ended a long time ago before a given moment in the past. Such verbs are said to be in the **Past Perfect** tense. Sometimes, the action in the more recent past is stated clearly; at other times, it is merely implied or not stated (as in the second sentence).

Padma had been teaching
form of teach)

The exams had been going on since last Monday. (had been + present participle form of go)

The car had been running smoothly for four hours when it suddenly stopped. (had been + present participle form of run)

2. Identify the tense of the underlined verbs in the following sentences. Write SP for Simple Past, PC for Past Continuous, PP for Past Perfect and PPC Past Perfect Continuous tense.

- (a) Megha had challenged Sulagna to speak the tongue-twister. PP
- (b) The team scored five goals in the last match. SP
- (c) The scientists had been researching on black holes since 2002. PPC
- (d) My brother was explaining the concept to her. PC
- (e) I went to the bank yesterday and submitted the cheque. SP, SP
- (f) Kiara had read the contract before she signed it. PP, SP
- (g) I did not go with them as I was feeling feverish. SP, PC
- (h) They bought a new refrigerator as the old one had not been working since last week. SP, PPC

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs given in the box.

resign	interrogate	cook	study	wash	arrive
live	perform	order	learn	move	fall

- (a) I was ordering dinner for the guests.
- (b) Manohar had arrived from Russia two days back.
- (c) Both Shalini and Aastha resigned from their jobs.
- (d) The police had been interrogated the man for five hours.
- (e) Aishwarya was performing when the chandelier fell on the stage.

- (f) While the father was washing the clothes, the mother cooked lunch.
- (g) Radhika had learnt Persian when she was studying in university.
- (h) Before I moved to Jaipur, I had been living in Surat for two years.

4. Complete the following sentences using appropriate verbs of the tense given in brackets.

- (a) I was laughing at his joke. (Past Continuous)
- (b) The nurse had applied ointment on my wounds. (Past Perfect)
- (c) The girls received the trophy with pride in their eyes. (Simple Past)
- (d) Manasa had joined the music classes last year. (Past Perfect)
- (e) The teacher was checking all the papers throughout the night. (Past Continuous)
- (f) The principal had declared the new rules in the beginning of the academic session. (Past Perfect)
- (g) The singers had been preparing for two weeks before they sang in the competition. (Past Perfect Continuous, Simple Past)
- (h) When Vaibhav entered the restaurant, his friends had already left for their homes. (Simple Past, Past Perfect)

5. Frame sentences on the situations given below using tenses and verbs mentioned in brackets. One has been done for you.

- (a) Manu went to bed at 10 p.m. I woke him up at 4 a.m. (Past Perfect Continuous, sleep)
- He had been sleeping for six hours before I woke him up at 4 a.m.

- 5) a) Raghu had been ~~waiting~~ reading the book till wednesday after she gave it to him on monday.
- b) My school had changed beyond recognition when I visited it last month.
- c) ~~My school had~~ we had to go to Tebilee hills, so we were waiting at the bus stand.
- d) He had forgotten to take out the pizza from the oven, so the kitchen was filled with smoke.
- e) The police had been chasing the burglar since evening, before they caught him the next morning.
- f) Yashmin had already watched that no use, so she suggested another.
- g) Rhea was painting when I entered the room.

(h) As I entered the room, I saw that Rhea had paint brushes and a colour palette in her hands. (Past Continuous, paint)

6. Complete the following sentences using the tense given in brackets.

(a) The child was crying at the toy shop because ... had (Past Perfect) been teased

(b) We had been travelling for three days before ... the (Simple Past) cyclone arrived

(c) The roads in my colony were blocked as ... two people (Past Perfect) met accident

(d) I wanted to say goodbye to you but ... I was running (Past Continuous) late.

(e) ~~x~~ when she reached the hospital. (Past Perfect Continuous)
the doctor had been examining him

(f) He had been writing short stories for four years when ... (Simple Past)
when he published his book

(g) I woke up before ten o'clock because ... I had to go to school. (Past Perfect)

(h) Athira was so tired because she had been working (Past Perfect Continuous)
for 4 hrs

7. Identify the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly. One has been done for you.

(a) She had been talked to her mother for thirty minutes.

She had been talking to her mother for thirty minutes.

(b) His success was meaning a lot to his family and friends.

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(c) He was entered the building when I see him yesterday.

He was entering the building when I see him yesterday.

(d) When you becoming the principal of the school, I am the first one to

congratulate you. When you became the principal of the school

I was the first one to congratulate you.

(e) Sooraj has payed the electricity bill a week before he leaves for Guwahati.

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(f) While the deer were drank water from the pond, the tiger was slowly come

towards them. While the deer was drinking water from the pond, the tiger had

(g) You had telling me that Balbir already sent the mail to her.

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(h) Sarika has being waited for him for four hours at the airport before she finally

booked a cab. Sarika was waiting for him for four hours

at the airport before she finally booked a

cab

8) * Simple past :-

- * The sun was shining brightly.
- * There was a dustbin in the park.

* Past continuous :-

- * The children ~~are~~ were playing.
- * The ~~boy~~ dog ~~with its mother~~ is walking beside the lady.

* Past Perfect :-

- * The lady had a dog.
- * The park had a lot of plants planted in it.

* Past perfect continuous :-

- * The children had been playing in the see-saw.
- * The stray dog had been following the lady and her pet dog since long.