

1. Choose the appropriate form of the verbs to complete the following dialogue.

Rohan: Hey, I _____ (*was hearing / heard*) that Ishaan had met with an accident.

Ahmed: Yes, it _____ (*happened / was happening*) at Connaught Place yesterday evening at around 9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Look at the following sentences.

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

He *had watched* the movie with his friends.

I *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 either implied or not stated (as in the second sentence).

The **Past Perfect tense** is used to talk about actions that began in the past and were completed before a given moment in the more recent past.

It has the following structure:

had + past participle form of the verb