

Examples:

Padma had been teaching in the school for ten years. (had been + present participle 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

3. 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 preparing 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 interrogating the man for five hours.

(e) Aishwarya was performing when the chandelier fell on the stage.