

**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.

PPC

(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.

PPC

(e) I went to the bank yesterday and submitted the cheque.

PP, SP

(f) Kiara had read the contract before she signed it.

PP, PPC

(g) I did not go with them as I was feeling feverish.

SP, PPC

(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 cooking 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.



- (f) While the father was washing the clothes, the mother ordered 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 put ointment on my wounds. (*Past Perfect*)  
 (c) The girls won the trophy with pride in their eyes. (*Simple Past*)  
 (d) Manasa attended the music classes last year. (*Past Perfect*)  
 (e) The teacher was grading all the papers throughout the night. (*Past Continuous*)  
 (f) The principal formed the new rules in the beginning of the academic session. (*Past Perfect*)  
 (g) The singers were practicing for two weeks before they performed in the competition. (*Past Perfect Continuous, Simple Past*)  
 (h) When Vaibhav reached the restaurant, his friends ordered already and were leaving 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*)

Manu had been sleeping for six hours before I woke him up at 4 a.m.

- (b) She gave the book to Raghu on Monday. The book was still with him on Wednesday. (*Past Perfect Continuous, read*)

She gave Raghu the book to read on Monday. He was still reading it on Wednesday.

- (c) I visited my school last month. I could not recognise it. (*Past Perfect, change*)

I visited my school last month. It's completely changed.

- (d) We had to go to Jubilee Hills. We stood at the bus stand. (*Past Continuous, wait*)

We had gone to Jubilee Hills. We waited for the bus at the bus stand.

- (e) He put the pizza in the oven. After an hour, the kitchen was filled with smoke. (*Past Perfect, forget*)

He put the pizza in the oven. He forgot about it & came to

remember it after an hour, the kitchen was filled with



- (f) The police saw the burglar in the evening. They caught him next morning. (Past Perfect Continuous, chase) *The police spotted the burglar in the evening, he chased him till morning & caught him.*
- (g) Yasmin suggested another movie. She already knew the story of that movie. (Past Perfect, watch) *Yasmin suggested another movie, because she watched that movie before.*
- (h) As I entered the room, I saw that Rhea had paint brushes and a colour palette in her hands. (Past Continuous, paint) *As I entered the room, I saw that Rhea was painting with a paint brush & a colour palette in her hands.*

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

- (a) The child was crying at the toy shop because ... (Past Perfect) *he didn't get what he wanted*
- (b) We had been travelling for three days before ... (Simple Past) *our departure*
- (c) The roads in my colony were blocked as ... (Past Perfect) *if there were no holes in there*
- (d) I wanted to say goodbye to you but ... (Past Continuous) *I think we are not going anywhere*
- (e) ... when she reached the hospital. (Past Perfect Continuous) *she was crying*
- (f) He had been writing short stories for four years when ... (Simple Past) *he was 13 years*
- (g) I woke up before ten o'clock because ... (Past Perfect) *I had slept early*
- (h) Athira was so tired because ... (Past Perfect Continuous) *she had been standing overnight*

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~~ <sup>meant</sup> a lot to his family and friends.
- (c) He ~~was~~ <sup>had</sup> entered the building when I ~~see~~ <sup>saw</sup> him yesterday.
- (d) When you ~~becaming~~ <sup>became</sup> the principal of the school, I ~~am~~ <sup>will be</sup> the first one to congratulate you.
- (e) Sooraj has ~~payed~~ <sup>paid</sup> the electricity bill a week before he leaves for Guwahati.
- (f) While the deer were ~~drank~~ <sup>drinking</sup> water from the pond, the tiger was slowly ~~come~~ <sup>coming</sup> towards them.
- (g) You had ~~telling~~ <sup>told</sup> me that Balbir already sent the mail to her.
- (h) Sarika has being ~~waited~~ <sup>waiting</sup> for him for four hours at the airport before she finally booked a cab.



8. Based on the picture given below, frame two sentences in each tense you learnt in this chapter. One has been done for you.



SP

(a) Rahul went to a nearby park with his mother and his pet dog, Brownie.

b) Rahul saw many children in the park

### Recap

- The form of a verb that expresses the time of an action or an event is called **tense**. The three times of an action are past, present and future.
- The past can be expressed by using verbs in the following tenses:
  - **Simple Past tense:** Reshma **came** out of the exam hall with a smiling face.
  - **Past Continuous tense:** Sita **was watering** the plants in the garden.
  - **Past Perfect tense:** Abdul **had helped** all the students with their doubts.
  - **Past Perfect Continuous tense:** Before I began my work here, I **had been working** as a volunteer in schools.

PC a) There was another dog following Rahul's dog.

b) There was a man sitting on the bench.

PP a) Beeta had been playing on the swing before, now Ram is playing in her place.

b) The flowers had been watered by the gardeners before the park opened.

PPC a) A woman was walking before everyone & now is going to rest.

b) The other dog was following Brownie since they got into the park.