

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

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

Ahmed: Yes, it happened (happened / was happening) at Connaught Place 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 was thinking (thought / was thinking) that this habit may have changed by now.

Ahmed: When I reached (was reaching / reached) the hospital, the doctors examined (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 was feeling (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: