

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:

**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 cooking dinner for the guests.
- (b) Manohar had arrived from Russia two days back.
- (c) Both Shalini and Aastha had 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 was ordering lunch.
- (g) Radhika had learned 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 held the trophy with pride in their eyes. (Simple Past)
- (d) Manasa had joined the music classes last year. (Past Perfect)
- (e) The teacher was correcting all the papers throughout the night. (Past Continuous)
- (f) The principal had made the new rules in the beginning of the academic session. (Past Perfect)
- (g) The singers had been rehearsing for two weeks before they performed in the competition. (Past Perfect Continuous, Simple Past)
- (h) When Vaibhav reached 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)  
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)  
Raghu had been reading the book till Wednesday. After she gave it to him on Monday.
- (c) I visited my school last month. I could not recognise it. (Past Perfect, change)  
My school had changed beyond recognition when I visited it last month.
- (d) We had to go to Jubilee Hills. We stood at the bus stand. (Past Continuous, wait)  
We had to go to Jubilee Hills, so we were waiting 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 had forgotten to take out the pizza from the oven, so the kitchen was filled with smoke.



- (f) The police saw the burglar in the evening. They caught him next morning. (Past Perfect Continuous, chase) *The police had been chasing the burglar since evening, before they caught him the next morning.*
- (g) Yasmin suggested another movie. She already knew the story of that movie. (Past Perfect, watch) *Yasmin had already watched that movie, so she suggested another.*
- (h) As I entered the room, I saw that Rhea had paint brushes and a colour palette in her hands. (Past Continuous, paint) *Rhea was painting when I entered the room.*

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

- (a) The child was crying at the toy shop because *he hadn't got the toy he wanted.* (Past Perfect)
- (b) We had been travelling for three days before *she arrived.* (Simple Past)
- (c) The roads in my colony were blocked as *the Bittu had parked his car in the middle of the street.* (Past Perfect)
- (d) I wanted to say goodbye to you but *I was running late.* (Past Continuous)
- (e) *I* 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 *he published his book.* (Simple Past)
- (g) I woke up before ten o'clock because *I hadn't completed my homework.* (Past Perfect)
- (h) Athira was so tired because *she had been studying all night.* (Past Perfect Continuous)

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