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PAST TENSE

PAST TENSE:

It shows the forms of verb, which indicate that the action is taken place in the time gone by. There are four forms of the Past Tense.

Example:

1. I wrote a letter to her yesterday.
2. The light went out while I was reading.
3. The king had done justice to the real mother.
4. It had been hailing heavily since 1 p.m.
5. I learnt Hindi in Nagpur.

KINDS OF PAST TENSE:

1. Past Indefinite Tense Or Simple Past
2. Past Continuous Tense
3. Past Perfect Tense
4. Past Perfect Continuous Tense

PAST INDEFINITE TENSE OR SIMPLE PAST TENSE:

1. It is used to indicate an action completed in the past but no definite time in the past has been mentioned.

It is formed as:

2. Subject + Second Form Of The Verb

Example:

We helped our friends.

It is used as:

3. Used for past habits
4. Used to indicate an action completed in the past.

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1. *Barbar defeated Ran Singh at Kanwaha.*
2. *Harsha passed tenth class in 2005.*
3. *I wrote a letter to her yesterday.*
4. *I received his letter a week ago.*
5. *She always carried an umbrella.*

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE:

1. *Each action continuous in the time gone by.*

It is formed as:

2. *Subject + Was Or Were + First Form Of Verb + Ing*

Example:

- # *He was smoking a cigarette.*

It is used as:

3. *Used to express an action begun and continuing in past time as -*
4. *It is used with always, continually etc. for persistent habits in the past.*

Example:

1. *We were watching TV all evening.*
2. *They were learning the poem by heart.*
3. *She was singing when I saw her.*
4. *She was doing her hair before a mirror.*
5. *The patient was lying senseless in bed.*

PAST PERFECT TENSE:

1. *Verbs, which shows actions completed or perfected in the far away past.*

It is formed as:

2. *Subject + Had + Third Form Of The Verb*

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The girls had taken their lunch.

It is used as:

3. *When action had been completed before another was commenced.*

Example:

1. *I had reached the school before the bell rang.*
2. *Tanaji had lost his life in the action.*
3. *I had done my exercise when Hari came to see me.*
4. *Harry had died before the doctor came.*
5. *Ladies had sung several bridal songs.*

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE:

1. *It shows the action had been partly completed or perfected but still continuing.*

It is formed as:

2. *Subject + Had been + First Form Of Verb + Ing*

Example:

I had been doing my home - work for an hour.

It is used as:

3. *Action had continued for a certain time previous to the point of past time named.*

Example:

1. *It had been raining heavily since noon.*
2. *She had been waiting for the train for 3 hours.*
3. *The farmer's son had been digging the field to get the treasure.*
4. *I had been doing my homework for an hour.*
5. *We had been solving this sum for an hour.*