

STANDARD 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
CH 14: PAST TENSE

(Simple, Continuous, Perfect, Perfect Continuous)

- **SIMPLE PAST TENSE- Formation & Different forms**
- **PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE- Formation & Different forms**

1. SIMPLE PAST TENSE- Use and Formation

The simple past tense is used to :

- express a past habit or regular action in the past
Examples : (a) She **went** to her native place every year.
(b) He **went** to college every morning.
- express an action that began and ended in the past
Examples : (a) Anita **ate** noodles in the morning.
(b) Soldiers **fought** the battle of Troy.
(c) Shahjahan **built** the Taj Mahal long ago.
- express an action that took place at some particular time in the past and is over now
Example : She **applied** for admission last week.
- narrate a story
Example : Once upon a time there **lived** a prince.



2.	Positive	Negative	Interrogative
Simple Past	Simple past tense of the verb with subject. Subject + past tense of verb +... Eg. He ate a candy.	Subject + did not+ base form of verb Eg. He did not eat a candy.	<u>YES/NO Quest:</u> did + subject + base form of verb.....? Eg. Did he eat a candy? <u>Quest words:</u> (how, what, when, where) Quest word + did + subject + root form of verb +?
	They played the match. (S) + Past. T	They did not play the match. (S) + did not + (Base form of verb)	Did they play the match? Did + (S) + (Base form of verb)
	He swam to the shore.	He did not swim to the shore.	Did he swim to the shore?
	The boys gave the correct answer.	The boys did not give the correct answer.	Did the boys give the correct answer?

**** Note**** When we express some past habit we may use words like generally, usually, always, everyday, never, often and sometimes with the simple past tense also.

3. EXERCISE A

Fill in the blanks with the *simple past tense* form of the *verbs* given in brackets.

1. She began to fall down the steep slope. (**begin**)
2. The child hurt himself while he was playing. (**hurt**)
3. The bird flew away. (**fly**)
4. My cousin spoke French fluently. (**speak**)
5. The ball rolled down the stairs. (**roll**)

EXERCISE B

Rewrite these sentence in the *negative* and *interrogative forms*.

	Sentence	Negative	Interrogative
1.	He gave an enlightening speech.	He did not give an enlightening speech.	Did he give an enlightening speech?
2.	My father slept soundly.	My father did not sleep soundly.	Did my father sleep soundly?
3.	He wrote a one act play.	He did not write a one act play.	Did he write a one act play?
4.	The men enjoyed the party.	The men did not enjoy the party.	Did the men enjoy the party?
5.	The boatmen rowed the boat.	The boatmen did not row the boat.	Did the boat men row the boat?
6.	The gliders landed in the valley	The gliders did not land in the valley.	Did the gliders land in the valley?

4. WHEN TO USE PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

The past continuous tense is used to:

- express an action that was continuing in the past

Example: The choir **was singing** songs.

- express an action of longer duration

Example: When I reached his house, he **was sleeping**.

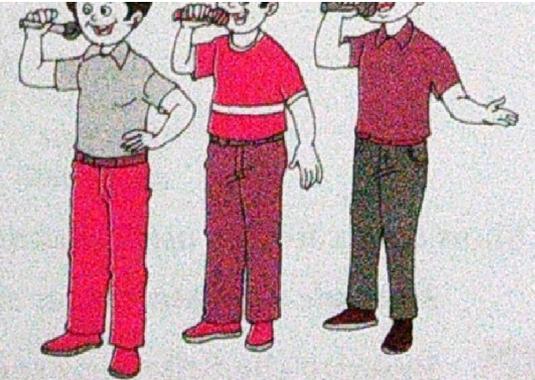
- describe situations or while telling stories

Examples : (a) The mob **was shouting** and chasing the thief.

(b) The king **was visiting** the priest's hut.

- describe an action which had started at sometime in the past but had not ended at the time we are referring to

Examples : (c) The lady **was crying** with pain last evening when I visited her.



- express actions that were happening at a particular time in the past
- Example:* At 8 a.m. he **was driving** to office.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SIMPLE PAST TENSE AND PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

Simple past tense shows that the action was completed in the past. Past continuous tense shows that the action had not got over till the time referred to.

5.	Positive	Negative	Interrogative
Past Continuous	<p>was/were + -ing form of the verb (V4).</p> <p>Eg. He was eating a candy.</p>	<p>'not' is inserted after the first part of the verb.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>was/were + not + V4</p> <p>Eg. He was not eating a candy.</p>	<p>The first part of the verb is put before the subject.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>was/were +subject +V4..?</p> <p>Eg. Was he eating a candy?</p>
	He was sleeping.	He was not sleeping.	Was he sleeping?
	I was cheering the basketball team last evening.	I was not cheering the basketball team last evening.	Was I cheering the basketball team last evening?
	The emperor was fighting against his enemies to protect the country.	The emperor was not fighting against his enemies to protect the country.	Was the emperor fighting against his enemies to protect the country?
	People were running helter skelter during the earthquake.	People were not running helter skelter during the earthquake.	Were people running helter skelter during the earthquake?

6. EXERCISE C

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of *verbs* given in brackets in the *past continuous tense*.

1. The sheep **were grazing** near the river. (graze)
2. The sparrows **were chirping** in the garden. (chirp)
3. The fans **were working** properly. (work)
4. The babies **were sleeping** in the cots. (sleep)
5. The ships **were sailing** in the direction of the wind. (sail)

EXERCISE D

Rewrite the following sentences in the *negative* and *interrogative forms*.

	Sentence	Negative	Interrogative
1.	Mona was writing a letter to her brother.	Mona was not writing a letter to her brother.	Was Mona writing a letter to her brother?
2.	The girl was sleeping on the sofa.	The girl was not sleeping on the sofa.	Was the girl sleeping on the sofa?
3.	Soma was solving a jigsaw puzzle last evening.	Soma was not solving a jigsaw puzzle last evening.	Was Soma solving a jigsaw puzzle last evening?
4.	He was talking to his friend.	He was not talking to his friend.	Was he talking to his friend?

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- **It is for your further understanding.**
- **You do not have to copy it anywhere.**