



Past Tense

STD – VIII

ENGLISH - I

Fill in the blanks with the Past Form of the verbs given in the brackets :—

1. In the olden days, children treated (Treat) their elders with great respect.
2. In 1980, we left (leave) India to settle down in Canada.
3. American planes continually bombed (bomb) Taliban positions in Afghanistan.
4. He took (take) early retirement from the army and started (start) a publishing firm in Delhi.
5. Kailash tried (try) to persuade his brother to give up his bad habits.
6. Why didn't (don't) you stop the boy from throwing stones at people on the road?
7. We looked (look) everywhere but did not (not) find our little puppy.
8. Did (do) you go to the new showroom opened by Marks and Spencers yesterday?
9. Last night, I had (has) a shock when I found (find) my car missing.
10. The smoke strung (sting) my eyes and I could not (can't) see where I was (be) going.

Exercise-2 Rewrite the following passage in Simple Past Tense. (First underline all the verbs.) :—

Near the bed, two little children — a boy and a girl — slept together in a cradle and were smiling in their sleep. How soundly they slept in their old tottering cradle! It seemed as if nothing could wake them up. Outside the rain beat down in floods and the sea gave forth a sound like an alarm bell. From the old roof, drops of water fell on the floor.

Exercise 3:

Rewrite the following sentences, changing the verbs to Past Continuous Tense :-

1. The boy leans against the tree.
-> The boy was leaning against the tree.
2. A cold wind blows.
-> A cold wind was blowing.
3. She hid herself.
-> She was hiding herself.
4. The leaves fell to the ground.
-> The leaves were falling to the ground.
5. He works hard for his examination.
-> He was working hard for his examination.
6. The soldiers fight and win.
-> The soldiers were fighting and winning.
7. The birds are flying out of the cage since morning.
-> The birds were flying out of the cage since morning.
8. She is singing and cannot answer your phone call.
-> She was singing and could not answer your phone call.
9. Many of us live and work great distances from where we are born or grow up.
-> Many of us were living and working great distances from where we were born or grew up.
10. They are praising her creative abilities, specially in dancing.
-> They were praising her creative abilities, specially in dancing.

Exercise 4.

Tick (✓) the correct verb form in the brackets:—

1. While mother (cooked/was cooking) for the party, my sisters cleaned the rooms.
2. As the car (speeded/was speeding) down the hill, we heard a loud explosion.
3. While the teacher (was correcting/correcting) the exercise books, the children (were reading/read) storybooks quietly.
4. The old lady (was crossing/crossed) the road when she was (knocking/knocked) down.
5. Why (were you fighting/you fought) with your brother last night, when I came to see you?

Exercise 5

Some of the verbs in the sentences given below are incorrect. Underline them and write the correct form:—

1. My son coughing so badly last night that he could not sleep.
-> My son was coughing so badly last night that he could not sleep
2. The book reading this afternoon is very interesting, I couldn't leave it.
-> The book I was reading this afternoon was very interesting, I couldn't leave it.
3. While I clearing my cupboard, I found my old diary.
-> While I was clearing my cupboard, I found my old diary.
4. Our teacher last year always reminding us to work harder.
-> Our teacher last year was always reminding us to work harder.
5. The farmers fought to save their homes from the fire which spread quickly through their fields.
-> The farmers fought to save their homes from the fire which had spread quickly through their fields.

Exercise 6

Complete the sentence by putting a tick (✓) against the correct part:-

1. *He* had visited many towns before
a. he was returning home. b. he had returned home. c. he returned home.
2. I had been reading this book for two weeks before
a. she had arrived. b. she arrived. c. she has arrived.
3. The servant had finished his work when
a. I had called him. b. I called him. c. I have called him.
4. The rain had stopped when
a. we came out. b. we had come out. c. we would come out.
5. Three years have passed since
a. his father had died. b. his father have died. c. his father died.

Exercise 7

Fill in the blanks with the correct Past Perfect Tense of the verbs in brackets:—

1. She had completed the dress before she went to sleep. (complete)
2. They had come to India to meet us before returning home. (come)
3. They had worked went home only after they for four hours. (work)
4. The servant had stolen all the cash before his master returned home. (steal, return)
5. We ate dinner only after we had finished our drinks (eat, finish)

Exercise 8

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs

given in the brackets:—

1. They had been waiting for an hour when they opened the doors of the theater. (wait, open)
2. Suman had been singing for almost two hours before the concert concluded (sing, conclude)
3. Rajan had slept throughout the day before his mother woke him up. (sleep, wake)
4. The hospital had consulted other specialists before they started the treatment of the patient. (Consult, started)
5. They did not start the examination until all the students had been thoroughly checked. (not start, thoroughly check)

Exercise 9

There is an error in each sentence of this passage. Underline error and write the correct word in its place in the space given. One is done for you.

1. The writer was twelve years old and she use to
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2. stay with her grandparents in north Karnataka stayed
3. Since there are very few diversions were
4. the entire family eagerly wait for a waited
5. weekly magazine call "Karamveera." called

6. This magazine is publishing a famous
7. novel "Kashi Yatre" as a serial which deal
8. with the heroine's struggle visit Kashi.
9. Since grandmother believe in Kashi Yatra
10. as a pilgrimage, she would identify with
- 11.** the problems of the main characters.

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