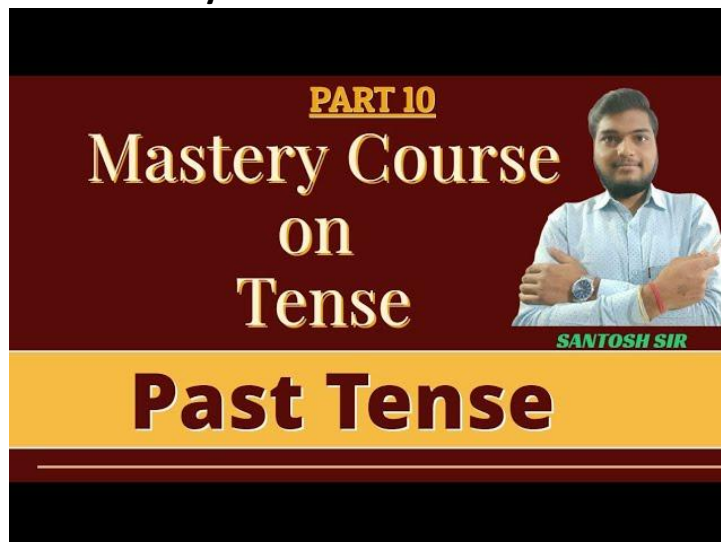


**Namaste English  
Mastery Course on Tenses  
By Santosh Sir**

**Introduction to the course**

1. You will get thorough knowledge of Tenses from Zero to Advanced level.
2. You will be able to form sentences in English and will be able to speak too.
3. Your spoken as well as written part will improve.
4. Your Written English part will be rhetoric.
5. These classes will help in your Competitions exam too.

**Tense Day 10**



## Past Tense

The **past tense** is a verb tense used for a past activity or a past state of being. For example:

- I **jumped** in the lake.  
(This is a past activity.)
- I **was** happy.  
(This is a past state of being.)

### Examples of the Types of Past Tenses

The past tense is categorized further depending on whether the action was in progress or has been completed. The four past tenses are:

The 4 Past Tenses	Examples	Uses
simple past tense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I <b>went</b> to work.</li> <li>• The Martians <b>landed</b> near the aqueduct.</li> </ul>	The simple past tense is used to describe a completed activity that started in the past and ended in the past.
past progressive tense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I <b>was going</b> to work.</li> <li>• We <b>were painting</b> the door when a bird struck the window.</li> </ul>	The past progressive tense is used to describe an ongoing activity in the past. Often, it is used to set the scene for another action.
past perfect tense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I <b>had gone</b> to work.</li> <li>• Rover <b>had eaten</b> the pie before we got home.</li> </ul>	The past perfect tense is used to emphasize that an action was completed before another took place.
past perfect progressive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I <b>had been going</b> to work.</li> <li>• She <b>had been painting</b> the door before the dog scratched it.</li> </ul>	The past perfect progressive tense is used to show that an ongoing action in the past has ended.

### Examples of the Simple Past Tense

Simple Past Tense (Past Indefinite) - Hindi To English Translation

पहचान : इस Tense के वाक्यों में काम का करना या होना भूतकाल में पाया जाता है । ऐसे वाक्यों के अन्त में 'आ', 'या', 'ई', 'ये', 'यो', 'ता था', 'ते थे', 'ती थी' आते हैं ।

- I **played** when I **was** younger.
- I **saw** the angel in the marble and **carved** until I **set** him free. (Italian sculptor Michelangelo)
- Drawing on my fine command of the English language, I **said** nothing. (Actor and comedian Robert Benchley)
- Every man is guilty of all the good he **did not do**. (French writer Voltaire)
- I **wanted** to buy a candle holder, but the store **didn't have** one. So I **got** a cake. (Comedian Mitch Hedberg)
- I have never played a hero before so I **jumped** at the chance.



## Past Progressive Tense

Past Continuous Tense का प्रयोग सीखियें | जैसे ( I was reading. ) ( I was not reading. ) ( Was I reading ? ) और ( Why was I reading ? )

जिस हिंदी वाक्य की क्रिया के अंत में रहा था / रही थी / रहे थे इत्यादि रहे , उस क्रिया का अनुवाद Past Continuous Tense में होगा .

I / He / She / It / Ram के साथ Was तथा अन्य के साथ Were का प्रयोग किया जाता है .

Subject + was / were + V<sup>1</sup> + ing.

## Examples of the Past Progressive Tense

"was" or "were"

+

[present participle]

- I was playing for an hour.
- I was falling asleep when the phone rang.
- We were preparing a picnic, and then it started to rain.
- I feel like I sort of missed the eighties. At the time, we didn't know we were having fun, which is probably the way it always is. (Novelist Tama Janowitz)
- She was seeing a psychiatrist, two plumbers, and a bartender. (Comedian Rodney Dangerfield)
- I told my therapist I was having nightmares about nuclear explosions. He said don't worry it's not the end of the world. (Comedian Jay London)
- I have an idea that the phrase 'weaker sex' was coined by some woman to disarm the man she was preparing to overwhelm. (Poet Ogden Nash)
- I was having trouble making ends meet, and my beginnings weren't meeting either.

## Past Perfect Tense

Past Perfect Tense का प्रयोग सीखियें | जैसे ( I had gone. ) ( I had not gone. ) ( Had I gone ? ) और ( Why had I gone ? )

यदि भूतकाल में दो कार्य हुआ हो ; एक कार्य दूसरे कार्य के बहुत पहले पूरी तरह समाप्त हो गया हो , तो पहले समाप्त होने वाले कार्य के लिए Past Perfect Tense की क्रिया का प्रयोग होता है और बाद में समाप्त होनेवाले कार्य के लिए Past Indefinite Tense की क्रिया का प्रयोग होता है .

सभी Subjects के साथ Had का प्रयोग किया जाता है .



Subject + had + V<sup>3</sup>.

Here is an infographic summarizing the past perfect tense .

## Examples of the Past Perfect Tense

"had"

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[past participle]

- I had played already.
- I had crossed the line. I was free, but there was no one to welcome me to the land of freedom. I was a stranger in a strange land. (Political activist Harriet Tubman)
- I had seen birth and death but had thought they were different. (Poet T S Eliot)
- There are so many things that we wish we had done yesterday, so few that we feel like doing today. (Journalist Mignon McLaughlin)
- I phoned my dad to tell him I had stopped smoking. He called me a quitter.
- When I was younger, I could remember anything, whether it had happened or not.
- If we had had more time for discussion, we should probably have made a great many more mistakes. (Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky)
- What a wonderful life I've had! I only wish I'd realized it sooner. (Author Sidonie Gabrielle Colette)
- I had always seen myself as a star; I wanted to be a galaxy. (Dancer Twyla Tharp)

## Past Perfect Progressive Tense

"had been"

+

[present participle]

- I had been playing since I was ten.
- I had been weeding my garden for weeks, but I just surrendered to the weeds in the end.
- The jury had been considering its verdict for several hours when the judge effectively ordered them to find Jones guilty.
- I was coming home from kindergarten. Well, they told me it was kindergarten. I found out later I had been working in a factory for ten years. (Comedian Ellen DeGeneres)
- I had been writing fiction since I was in eighth grade, because I loved it. (Author Thomas Perry)
- I thought that I was learning how to live, but I had been learning how to die. (Polymath Leonardo da Vinci)
- Even though I had been boxing for three years, I had no idea that I could beat somebody in the ring.
- Many people had been asking me to write an autobiography. I thought I'd better tell my story before other people told it for me. (Comedian Michael Palin)
- It was funny to read a script that was so similar to what had been going on in my life. (Actress Piper Perabo)
- I'd been shouting and shouting and no one wanted to hear me. (Singer Brenda Fassie)

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