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Class- VIII

ENGLISH

Name of the Lesson- TENSES (PART II)

Dear Students

- In this e-lesson you'll learn about **Past Tense** and its various forms in detail.
- It also consists of practice questions which are to be attempted in the English notebook.
- This e-lesson includes a vocabulary exercise to enhance your expression. It is to be done in your English notebook.

Let's begin!

Let's have a look at the various heads under Past Tense-



Simple Past Tense

STRUCTURE-

- <u>Affirmative Sentence (Positive)</u>: Subject + Verb (second from) + Object.
 Eg. I <u>shook</u> the bee off from my shoulder.
- <u>Negative Sentence</u>: Subject + didn't + Verb (first form) + Object.
 Eg. I <u>didn't shake</u> the bee off from my shoulder.
- Interrogative Sentence: Did + Subject + Verb (first form) + Object + ?
 Eg. <u>Did I shake</u> the bee off my shoulder ?
- Interrogative Negative Sentence: Did + Subject + not +Verb (first form) + Object + ?
 - Eg. <u>Did</u> I not <u>shake</u> the bee off my shoulder ?

Note - Did is used with all the subjects (I, we, you, they, he, she, it)

<u>Usage</u>-



Q1. Complete the sentences given below and also identify their correct usage from the ones given above-

- i) He _____(bite) his nails every time he was anxious.
- ii) If the lockdown _____(open), I'd meet my grandparents first.
- iii) They _____ (live) here for six years.
- iv) We _____(enjoy) the movie together.
- v) I would turn you into a pigeon, if I _____(be) a magician.
- vi) Subhash Chandra Bose _____(write) the Indian Constitution.
- vii) As a child, I always _____(have) dinner with my family.
- viii) My mother _____(travel) a lot when she was in college.

Simple Past vs. Present Perfect

SIMPLE PAST	PRESENT PERFECT
 It expresses an event that happened at a definite time in past. It has no relation with the present. Adverbials of past are used like- yesterday, a few days ago etc. Eg She joined the meeting at the beginning of the session. 	 It expresses the completion of an event by now. It expresses the present state of a complete action. Time adverbials like- already, ever, yet, just etc. are used. Eg She has joined the meeting lately.

Q2. Fill in the blanks with Simple Past or Present Perfect tense.

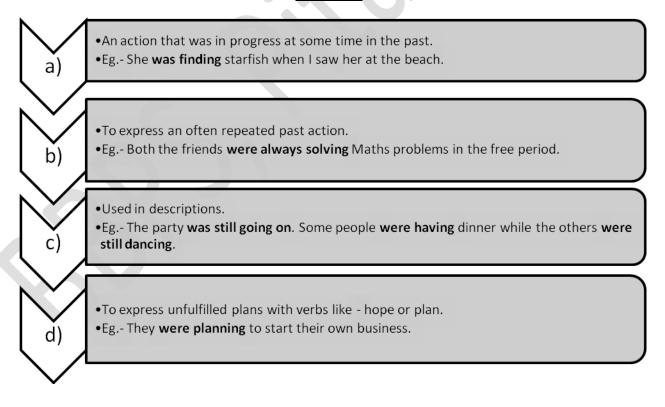
- a) You look different. _____ (you/have) a haircut?
- b) When _____ (you/go) to Rome?
- c) First she _____ (be) a teacher, then she became a journalist.
- d) While I was away on a holiday, my sister _____ (fall) ill and I had to return home.
- e) I _____ (grow) up by the seaside.
- f) _____ (you/ walk) all the way home by yourself last night? Please don't do that again, it's dangerous.
- g) _____ (you/ finish) your homework yet?
- h) We _____ (see) someone being robbed last night.

Past Continuous Tense

STRUCTURE-

- Affirmative Sentence (Positive): Subject + was/were + V1 + ing + Object.
 Eg. He was doing the dishes after supper.
- Negative Sentence: Subject + was/were + not + V1 + ing + Object.
 Eg. He <u>wasn't doing</u> the dishes after supper.
- Interrogative Sentence: Was/Were + Subject + V1 + ing + Object + ?
 Eg. <u>Was</u> he <u>doing</u> the dishes after supper ?
- Interrogative Negative Sentence: Was/Were + Subject + not + V1 + ing + Object + ?
 - Eg. <u>Was</u> he not <u>doing</u> the dishes after supper ?

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Note: The Past Continuous tense is also used with 'when' and 'while'-

- a) Eg.- While having milk, the child was fiddling with his toys. (Two actions happening simultaneously)
- b) When I entered the lobby, a man was holding a placard with my name on it.

Q3. Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets-

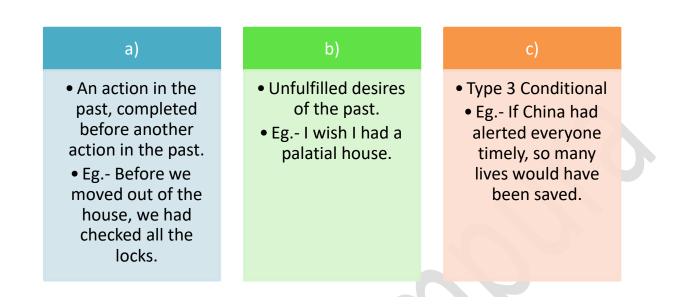
- a) The dentist's waiting room was full of people. Some ______ (read) magazines, others ______ (just turn) over the pages. A woman ______ (knit); a child ______ (play) with a toy car. Suddenly, the door ______ (open) and the nurse ______ (say), "Next, please."
- b) This is the story of a boy who ______ (spend) most of the day in bed. He ______ (have) a powerful telescope and he ______ (amuse) himself by watching the activities of the people in the houses across the lane. One day when he ______ (watch) House No. 24, he ______ (witness) a murder being committed.

t Perfect Tense

STRUCTURE-

- Affirmative Sentence (Positive): Subject + had + V3 + Object.
 Eg. She <u>had seen</u> the movie earlier, so she went to bed.
- Negative Sentence: Subject + had + not + V3 + Object.
 - Eg. She <u>hadn't seen</u> the movie earlier.
- Interrogative Sentence: Had + Subject + V3 + Object + ?
 - Eg. <u>Had</u> she <u>seen</u> the movie earlier ?
- Interrogative Negative Sentence: Had + Subject + not + V3 + Object + ?
 - Eg. <u>Had</u> she <u>not seen</u> the movie earlier ?

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Q4. Fill in the blanks correctly with the Past Perfect or Simple Past forms of the verbs in the brackets-

- a) The train _____ (leave) when we _____ (reach) the station.
- b) Jagan _____ (left) for the office before anyone could _____ (tell) him about the incident.
- c) Gargi _____ (eat) all the biscuits before the others could _____ (have) any.
- d) As soon as Max _____ (reach) the city, he _____ (go) to his office.
- e) He _____ (be) very ill, but the doctors_____ (assure) us that he would be well soon.

Q5. Combine the following pairs of sentences using Past Perfect and Simple Past tense. Some other changes may be required:

Eg.- She baked potatoes. The family sat for dinner later.

Answer- She had baked potatoes before the family sat for dinner.

- a) All the audiences left. The chief Minister came afterwards.
- b) All the students left the class. The teacher entered later in the class.
- c) She completed her call. Then the battery of her mobile phone expired.

Past Perfect Continuous Tense

STRUCTURE-

- Affirmative Sentence (Positive): Subject + had been + V1 + ing + for/ since. Eg. They had been sleeping late since last summer.
- Negative Sentence: Subject + had + not + been + V1 + ing + for/ since.
 Eg. They had not been sleeping late since last summer.
- Interrogative Sentence: Had + Subject + been + V1 + ing + for/ since + ?
 Eg. Had they been sleeping late since last summer ?
- Interrogative Negative Sentence: Had + Subject + not + been + V1 + ing + for/ since + ?
 - Eg. Had they not been sleeping late since last summer ?

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- To express an action that began at a certain period in the past and continued in the present.
- Eg.- He **had been working** for long hours in his job before he quit.
 - To express a repeated action in the past perfect as a continuous action.
 - Eg.- Much of the salary **had been going** into savings. (Much of the salary had gone into savings)

Q6. Rewrite the following sentences in Past Perfect Continuous tense. (You may require some more changes) –

Eg.- We had followed the news on Corona since the beginning.

Answer-We had been following the news on Corona since the beginning.

- 1. When Saras reached the auditorium, the President spoke to the audience.
- 2. The students conducted the experiment last Monday.
- 3. The last time I met her, she was learning to play piano.
- 4. Arun has been selling hand-painted crockery from his shop in Karol Bagh.
- 5. Laisha has gone out with her friends often.

Q7. Fill in the blanks with the Past Continuous or Simple Past forms of the verbs in the brackets-

- a) Don's wife ______ (drive) when the accident ______ (take) place.
- b) I did not _____(understand) what she _____(say) about the worker's strike.
- c) When the principal _____ (enter), the children_____ (greet) him.
- d) While I ______ (walk) along the road I ______ (discover) many strange plants.
- e) Ron _____ (ask) John if he _____ (look) for his cassette.
- f) The ship for Boston _____ (sail) yesterday.
- g) Last year, I _____ (visit) a monument that _____ (crumble).
- h) When I _____ (see) Chander, he _____ (play) Chinese-Checker with his sister.
- i) Rahul_____ (leave) the city in a great hurry.
- j) Everyone _____ (rejoice) when India ______ (win) the cricket match.

VOCABULARY EXERCISE

(to be done in the fair notebook)

Q. Find out the meanings of the following words using a dictionary and then use them in sentences of your own.

- a) exceptional
- b) petite
- c) freezing
- d) crucial
- e) furious

f) animated g) awful h) effortless
