

Past Tense for Class 8

What do you mean by tenses?

Tense is the **grammatical name**, **tenses** are the various forms of the **main verb**. **Tenses** notify us when the subject did something and how the action took place or The **tense** of a **verb** is determine the time of *an action, event*.

In English, we divide tense broadly into three main parts-

THE PRESENT TENSE	THE PAST TENSE	THE FUTURE TENSE
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Now we briefly study **PAST TENSE** for class 8

What is past tense?

It is the **verb** that connects to an activity or an incident that happened in the **past**. **Past tense** applies to the moment or incident that took a position in the time by going.

Examples of past tense for class 8

1. I **worked** in the school.
2. She **bought** a new car.
3. I **was** not present at the meeting.
4. Dr. Sharma **went** to Delhi last month.
5. Jenny **performed** on the school annual day.

Past tense is divided into four time slots.

1. SIMPLE PAST TENSE
2. PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE
3. PAST PERFECT TENSE
4. PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

1. SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Simple past tense is utilized to refer to something that passed at an appropriate time in the past and is completed as a one-time activity. It has nothing to do with time soon or **present**. It is applied for **past** activity or experience that is unrelated to the **present**. **Simple past tense** is the **single tense** in which the second form of the **verb** is practiced.

Simple past tense is utilized to express the following:

⇒ An activity that was created in the past

⇒ Past habit

Structure

(a) Active voice: Subject + Verb (past tense).

(b) Passive voice: Subject + be (was/were) + Past Participle.

Formation

In Affirmative Sentence, the second form of the *verb* is used with all persons. **Subject + second form of verb + complement/object**

In Negative Sentence, place '*did not*' after the subject and use the first form of the verb.
Subject + did not + first form of verb + complement/object

In Interrogative Sentence, place '*did*' before the subject and use the first form of the verb after the subject. Did + subject + first form of verb + object or wh question + did + subject + first form of verb + object

Example of simple past tense for class 8

1. I **got** a new job yesterday.
2. I **lived** in goa from 2001.
3. She **passed** the chartered accountant examination last week.
4. **Did** you buy coffee from this cafe yesterday?
5. Aarvi **did not** play for one hour.

2. PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

Past continuous tense indicates an activity continuous in the past. Past continuous tense is utilized to show the following:

⇒ An action that was going on for some moment in the *past*.

⇒ The beginning of another event when the first action is not yet over.

⇒ To express an often repeated past action.

Structure

(a) Subject + was/were + verb + ing + object

Formation

According to the subject, in *Affirmative Sentences*, we use was/were /were the subject, with the first form of the verb + ing. **Subject + was/were + first form of verb + ing.**

In *Negative Sentences*, we put 'not' between the helping verb and the present participle (first form + ing) of the main verb. **Subject + was/were + not + first form of verb + ing.**

In *Interrogative Sentences*, the helping verb is put before the subject. Was/were + subject + first form of verb + ing **or wh question + was/were + subject + first form of verb.**

Examples of past continuous tense for class 8

1. **Were** they looking for a missing mobile phone?
2. She **was weeping** in the room.
3. Where **were** the children dancing?
4. I **was** sitting in the society with my grandmother.
5. Children **were not praying** in the school assembly.

3. PAST PERFECT TENSE

Past perfect tense put the past action into a sequence. The *past perfect tense* is used to express the following:

⇒ An action took place in the past

⇒ An action completed in the past

⇒ An unfulfilled desire of the past

⇒ An impossible condition of the past

Structure

(a) Action Voice: Subject + had + Past participle

(b) Passive Voice: Subject + had + been + past participle

Formation

In *Affirmative Sentences*, 'had' and the third form of the verb is used with all the subjects. **Subject + had + past participle.**

In *Negative Sentences*, use 'not' after 'had'. **Subject + had + not + past participle.**



In *Interrogative Sentences*, 'had' is placed before the subject. **Had + subject + past participle or Wh question + had + not + subject + past participle?**

Example of past perfect tense for class 8

1. Raman **had eaten** his lunch before she came.
2. The USA flight **had taken** off before we reached.
3. **Had** the kids slept before her grandmother came?
4. Varun **had not** finished the classwork before you came.
5. Why **hadn't you** prepared for the dance competition.

4. PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Past perfect continuous tense is used to show the following

⇒ An activity that was continuing at some time in the past when another action took place simultaneously

⇒ An action that is already finished but its effect or result persists

Structure

(a) Subject + had + been + verb ('ing' form)

Formation

In *Affirmative Sentences*, had been and the present participle is used with all the subject.

Subject + had + been + present participle + for/since

In *Negative Sentences*, 'not' is introduced between 'had' and 'been'. **Subject+ had + not + been + present participle + for/since.**

In *Interrogative Sentences*, 'had' precedes the subject and been follows it. **Had + subject + not + been + present participle + for/since? or Wh question + has + not subject + been + present participle + for/ since?**

Example for past perfect continuous tense for class 8

1. Gaurav **had been** playing a videogame for two hours.
2. He **had not been** dancing for the last year.
3. Nitin **had been** wasting his time for two hours.
4. Why **hadn't** Abhimanyu been attending tuition classes since June?
5. **Had** Vansh not been standing for one hour?



Worksheet of past tense for class 8

Fill the sentence with correct present tense and past tense.

1. Rahim had been cooking ____ (**for/since**) 3 o'clock.
2. Raheja had ____ (**taken/took**) your purse.
3. She had been making cake ____ (**since/from**) 8 a.m.
4. He ____ (**drink/drinks**) cold coffee in the evening.
5. Varun and his friends ____ (**has been/were**) playing badminton for 3 hours.
6. They ____ (**goes/go**) to ground at 7 a.m.
7. Neha ____ (**had been/is**) playing guitar for three hours.
8. My friends ____ (**were/was**) coming by own car.
9. The teacher was ____ (**teaching/taught**) us maths at that time.
10. Mishu ____ (**gone/went**) to the school.

Answers:

1. since
2. taken
3. since
4. drinks
5. had been
6. go
7. had been
8. were
9. teaching
10. went