

IT1040 & EN1072

Communication Skills

Lecture 07

Tenses Recap II



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Discover Your Future

Learning Outcomes

- Recall past tenses
- Define the usages of past tenses
- Construct sentences using the appropriate past tense

Write down 5 things you did yesterday...



5 things you did yesterday....

ate



studied



Played games



Woke up



Sang and danced

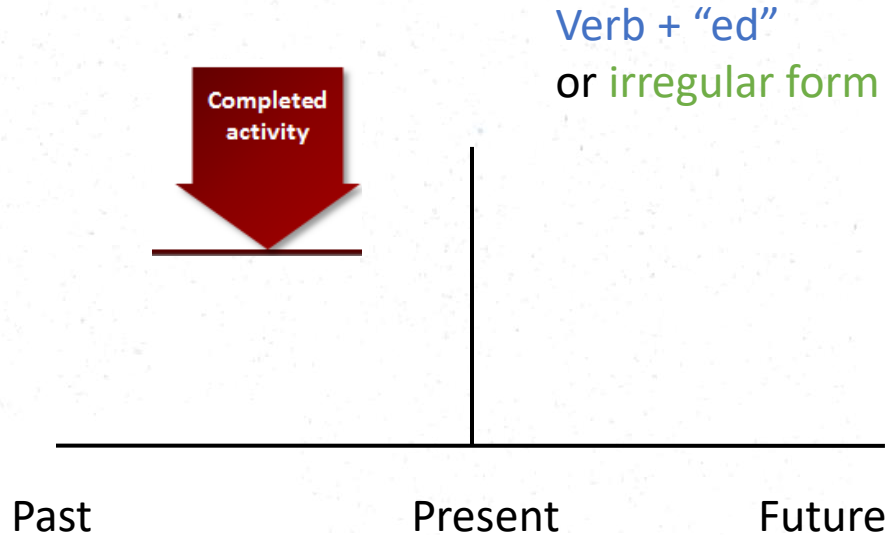


- Jack **ate** duriyan **yesterday**.
- Clara **studied** for a test **yesterday**.
- Sam and Will **played** games **yesterday**.
- Bill **went** on a trip with his friends **last week**.
- Smith **learnt** to bake **during quarantine**.
- Shen **got** his license **last year**.

These actions started in
the past and finished in
the past.

Completed actions

Simple Past



Regular

- Cooked
- Helped
- Cleaned
- Danced
- Showed
- Edited
- Designed
- Smiled

Irregular

- Wrote
- Ate
- Brought
- Saw
- Began
- Broke
- Gave
- Won

Completed actions
in the past

A series of completed actions

I went to work, had breakfast,
and started working.

Simple
Past

Habits in the past

Chamal went to the library every
Sunday when he was young.

Negative form

- Donald Trump **visited** Sri Lanka.
- Donald Trump **did not visit** Sri Lanka.
- Donald Trump **did not visit** Sri Lanka.

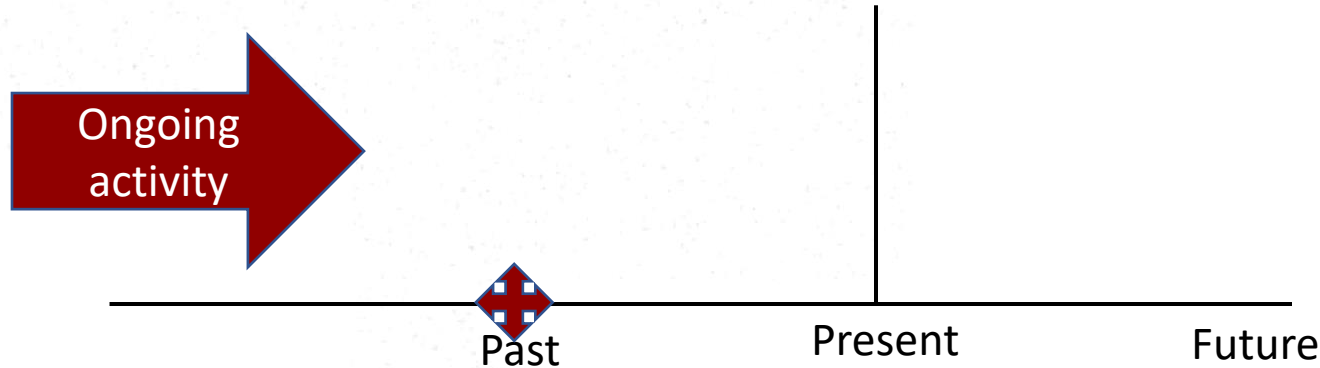
Interrogative

Did Donald Trump **visit** Sri Lanka?

Past Continuous/ Progressive tense



- Ms Nicola was recording a lecture when she got a call.
- My friends were having lunch when I fell down the stairs.



She was cooking the whole day.



Negative

- She was not cooking the whole day.

Interrogative

- Was she cooking the whole day?

They were cleaning the room.



Negative

- They were not cleaning the room.

Interrogative

- Were they cleaning the room?

Past
Continuous

Expresses actions in progress in the past

He **was reading** a book when his dog jumped into his lap.

Temporary actions in the past

I **was working** in the bank for two weeks.
Siri **was waiting** for his friend for 20 minutes yesterday.
They **were living** in France for a year.

Quiz

- https://www.educaplay.com/learning-resources/8569620-past_tense_revision.html



Past Perfect

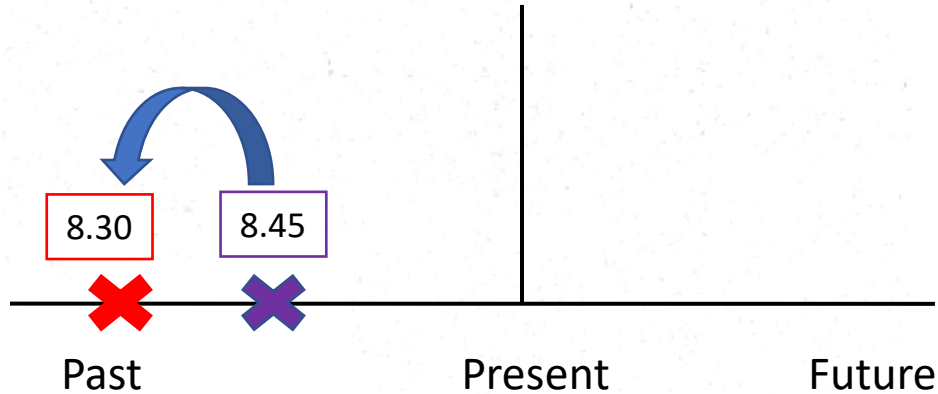


Past Perfect Tense

- Expresses a past action that happened before some other past action

Had + past participle

The meeting had already started by the time I arrived.



Expresses a past action that happened before some other past action



When Jon and Sansa arrived at the airport, the flight had already taken off.

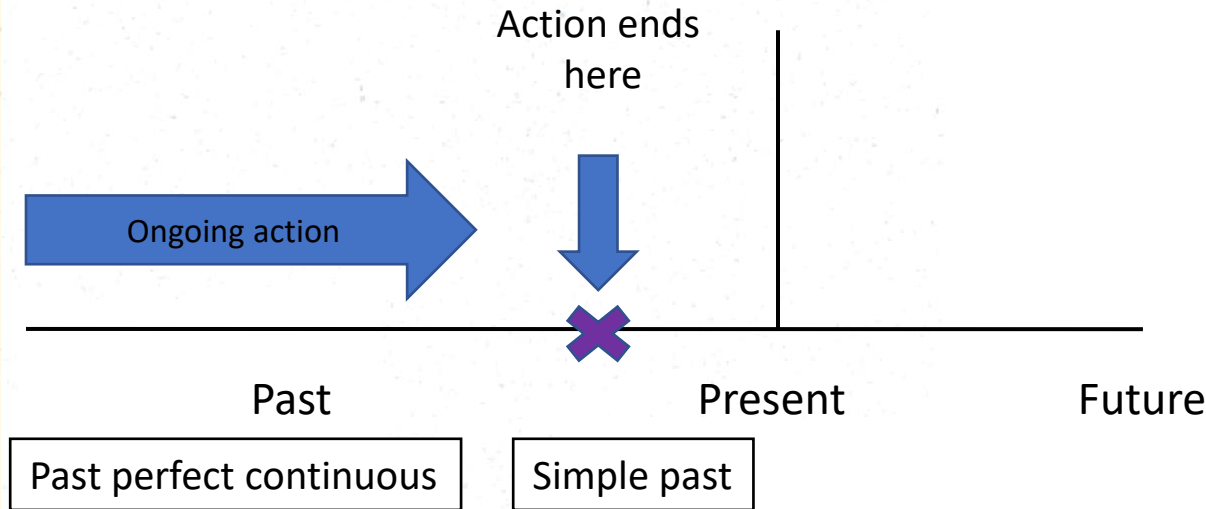
Past Perfect Continuous/Progressive



KATIE HAD BEEN PRACTICING
FOR WEEKS BEFORE
THE CONCERT.

Had + been +ing

I **had been writing** for an hour **when he called me.**



Past Perfect Continuous/Progressive

- The boys **had been playing** football for about an hour when it started raining.
- She **had been driving** around the city before she finally found the correct office.
- Mike wanted to sit down because he **had been standing** all day at work.

- Simple Past
- Past Continuous
- Past Perfect
- Past Perfect Continuous



Quiz



<https://create.kahoot.it/share/past-tense-revision/230681ef-db84-4457-9418-89cf8e66ddc5>

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