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Subject: English

Aspect: Grammar Skills

Topic: Past Tense

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Grade/Sec.: VII.....

Learning Objectives:

After the completion of this module, the students will be able

- to use past tense correctly.
- to use this past tense to tell about states that happened in the past.

PAST TENSE

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- The ship sailed yesterday.

To denote an action going on in the past; as:

- While they danced, we sang.
- To denote a habitual action in the past; as:

I. Simple Past Tense

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(a) to denote a single action in the past; as: Sachin again scored a century. The ship sailed yesterday.

(b) To denote an action going on in the past; as: While they danced, we sang.

(c) To denote a habitual action in the past; as:

- He studied many hours every day.

II. Past Continuous Tense

The past continuous tense represents an action as going on at some point of time in the past; as:

- I was reading, when he called on me.
- It was raining heavily yesterday at 4 O'clock.

III. Past Perfect Tense

1. The Past Perfect Tense denotes an action completed before a certain moment in the past; as:

- He had already read this book.
- When I reached school, all the students had already come.
- Teaching had not started before he reached school.
- Had the students left the school before the bell rang?

2. The Past Perfect Tense is related to a moment in the past in the same way that the present perfect is related to the present moment, i.e. it describes an action completed before some special past moment we have in mind.

IV. Past Perfect Continuous Tense

The Past Perfect Continuous Tense is used for an action that began before a certain point in the past and continued up to that time; as:

- Renu had been reading book for two hours.
- It had been raining continuously since last Wednesday.
- You had not been going to school since Tuesday.
- He had not been meeting me for a month.
- Where had Raman been playing since noon?