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6. Using Past Tenses

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QUESTION 1

Lily has to describe an action in the past. Which sentence should she use?



- (●) I did not drink cold water because I had a sore throat. ✓
- ( ) I am drinking cold water because it is very hot.
- ( ) I enjoy drinking cold water because it makes me feel better.
- ( ) My mother says I should drink water slowly.

QUESTION 2

Choose the correct grammar term to complete the sentence.

Bob and Joe were sitting in the living room when they heard a crash and hurried ouside to check.

The verb *were sitting* is in the past continuous ✓ tense.

QUESTION 3

Choose the correct grammar term to complete the sentence.

Dave: I had gone to school when my father left for a week-long trip to Sydney.

In the sentence, the verb *had gone* is in the past perfect ✓ tense.

QUESTION 4

Choose the sentences that are true.



Dave: Yesterday, my grandfather told me about his younger days, but he did not tell me about his school.

- [x] Dave is using a negative statement. ✓
- [ ] Dave is using the past continuous tense.
- [x] Dave is using the past simple tense. ✓
- [ ] Dave is asking a question about the past.

QUESTION 5

Choose the correct grammar term to complete the sentence.

Ben: My mother parked the car near the supermarket.

In the sentence, the verb *parked* uses the past simple ✓ tense.

QUESTION 6

Choose the statements that are true.



Oliver: Was Ben studying in the library when his computer crashed?
James: Yes, he was in the library.

- [x] James and Oliver are talking about a past action. ✓
- [x] Oliver is asking a question in the past continuous tense. ✓
- [ ] James is talking about an action that will happen tomorrow.
- [ ] Oliver is using the past simple tense to make a polite request .

QUESTION 7

Choose the statements that are true.

Jabir had not reached the stadium when the football match began.

- [ ] The sentence uses the past continuous tense.

- [ ] The sentence is a positive statement.
- [x] The sentence is a negative statement. ✓
- [x] The sentence uses the past perfect tense. ✓

QUESTION 8

Choose the sentence that uses the *past perfect* tense.



- ( ) Anna completed her project outline yesterday evening, and she was happy.
- ( ) Anna was completing her project outline when I requested her help.
- (•) Anna had completed her project outline before I requested her help. ✓
- ( ) Anna needs help as she will not be able to complete the project outline by

tomorrow.

QUESTION 9

Choose the sentence that uses the *past continuous* tense.

- This year, the harsh summer will affect the crops in all the villages.
- It rained a lot last week, and many houses in the village were destroyed.
- The flood water had destroyed the house when the rescue team came for help.
- The heat was affecting the crops in the village when it began to rain. ✓

QUESTION 10

Choose the question that matches the answer.



Yes, they were studying when their father gave them a surprise.

- ○ Were they happy to see the surprise their father gave them?
- ◉ Were they studying when their father gave them a surprise? ✓
- ○ Do you think they will be surprised to see their father in the evening?
- ○ Had they worked on the project when their father gave them a surprise?

QUESTION 11

Choose the question that matches the answer.



Yes, she received an invitation for Jane's graduation party.

- [x] Did she receive an invitation for Jane's graduation party?
- [ ] Does she receive an invitation for Jane's graduation party?
- [ ] Will she receive an invitation for Jane's graduation party?
- [ ] Who received invitations for Jane's graduation party?

QUESTION 12

Complete the sentence using the correct verb form.



James: Why were Jack and Dan running towards the classroom?

Ben: They were eating ✓ a pizza when they realised that they were late for the class.

are eating | will eat | did not eat

QUESTION 13

Complete the sentence using the correct verb form.



Tim was walking ✓ towards the computer room but decided to ask the teacher some questions first.

walks | is walking | will walk

QUESTION 14

Complete the sentence using the correct verb form.

Mariam: I was wondering ✓ if I could borrow your phone, please.

Hamda: Sure, you can use my phone.

will wonder | were wondering | can wonder

QUESTION 15

Complete the sentence using the *past perfect* tense from the word bank.

Word Bank

graduated	was graduating	had graduated	graduates	

Afra had graduated ✓ from the medical college when she decided to apply for the post of junior doctor in the hospital.

QUESTION 16

Complete the question using the *past perfect* tense from the word bank.

Word Bank

Was she finishing	Had she finished	Does she finish	Did she finish	

Hessa: Muhra was thinking of choosing another topic for her presentation when I spoke to her yesterday.

Ousha: Had she finished ✓ her presentation when she thought of changing topics?

QUESTION 17

Complete the negative sentence using the *past perfect* tense from the word bank.



Word Bank

was not cooking	did not cook	had not cooked	will not cook	

Saif had not cooked ✓ dinner before his brother came back home from office.

QUESTION 18

Complete the sentence using the correct past tenses.



The company had cancelled ✓ the cruise even before they found out about the storm.

QUESTION 19

Complete the sentence using the correct past tenses.



Jim: I was walking towards the bus stop, but I decided to take the train instead.

QUESTION 20

Complete the sentence using the correct past tenses.



Sarah had driven for 200 kilometres when she reached her grandmother's house.

QUESTION 21

Choose the verbs that describe the past actions in the text.

Rose: My grandmother and mother were hiking in the mountains yesterday when it began to

snow.
I am waiting for them to come back home today.

- [x] were hiking ✓
- [ ] come
- [x] began ✓
- [ ] am waiting

QUESTION 22

Choose the *past simple* verbs in the text.



Omran: Our ancestors lived in better harmony with the world than we do now.
They used farming techniques that did not affect the balance of nature.

- [ ] affect

- [x] used ✓
- [ ] do
- [x] lived ✓

QUESTION 23

Choose the *past perfect* verbs in the text.



Joy: My grandparents had lived in the village before my grandmother got a job as a journalist with the city's famous newspaper.
They had not seen tall buidings before they moved to the city.

- [x] had lived ✓
- [ ] moved
- [x] had not seen ✓

- [ ] got

QUESTION 24

Choose the *past continuous* verbs in the text.



Sheikha: My mother and I watch TV in my room every night.
Yesterday, we were watching TV when someone knocked on the main door of our flat.
I was leaving the room when I heard another knock.

- [x] was leaving ✓
- [x] were watching ✓
- [ ] I heard
- [ ] someone knocked

QUESTION 25

Choose the sentences that use the *past perfect* tense.



- [x] Jess: My mother had taken care of my great-grandparents before they went back to the village. ✓
- [ ] Nancy: I was spending more time with my grandparents when I moved to another city for studies.
- [x] Daisy: I had looked after my grandmother before she went to stay with my aunt. ✓
- [ ] Jane: In the past, the younger generation took care of the elders in the family.

QUESTION 26

Choose the sentences that use a *past participle*.



- [ ] It was raining when my mother drove the car.
- [ ] It did not rain much this year, so the ponds are dry.
- [x] I had walked in the rain before I saw the taxi. ✓
- [x] It had rained a lot by the time it was evening. ✓

QUESTION 27

Choose the sentence that uses the *-ing* verb to describe a past event.



- [x] Jake: My parents were living on the farm when I requested that they move to the city.
- [ ] Jake: I was born at the farm that belonged to my grandmother, and I still visit that farm.
- [ ] Jake: My parents painted the house on the farm to make it more bright and colourful.
- [ ] Jake: My parents like to live on the farm because they can grow food on their own.

QUESTION 28

Complete the sentence using the correct verb form.



Salem: I am happy to see the community leaders being so active in your village.

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Were they working as farmers when they were elected for the key posts in the village?

Fares: Yes, they used to work on their farms.

works | had worked | worked

QUESTION 29

Complete the negative sentence using the correct verb form.

Salha: Your sister bought the car last week, right?

Hoda: Yes. Initially, she was not considering a new car, but then my mother explained that it was needed.

is not considering | were not considering | will not consider

QUESTION 30

Ken and his younger brother need help from their grandfather.
Complete the sentence using the correct verb form.



Ken: Grandpa, we were wondering if you could please help us make the chocolate cookies at home.
Grandpa: Yes, of course. I would love to help you both.

is wondering | had wondered | was wondering

QUESTION 31

Complete the sentence using the correct verb form.



Joey: Fishing had been ✓ the main occupation of the people in my community before tourism became more important.

are being | were being | have been

QUESTION 32

Complete the negative sentence using the correct verb form.

Lily: My grandfather had not travelled ✓ in an airplane until he was 43.

will not travel | was not travelling | is not travelling

QUESTION 33

Choose the correct verb from the word bank to complete the sentence.

Word Bank

has worked	is working	had worked	will work

Aamer: My grandmother had worked ✓ with powerful leaders of our community before she became the prime minister of the country.

QUESTION 34

Complete the sentence using the correct verb from the word bank.

Word Bank

were not living	can not live	are not living	was not living	

Annie: People in my community used to fight and argue with each other frequently.

They were not living ✓ in harmony when powerful leaders brought everyone together.

QUESTION 35

Complete the sentence using the correct words from the word bank.

Word Bank

is not submitting	were not submitting	did not submit	do not submit

Saeeda: Latifa and Amal had begun work very late on the project, and so they

did not submit ✓ it on time.

Reem: So this was the reason the teacher was upset with them yesterday.

QUESTION 36

Complete the sentence using the correct verb from the word bank.

Word Bank

eats	ate	eat	eaten

Khadem: Had you eaten ✓ breakfast before you went to school?
Eissa: Yes.

QUESTION 37

Use the correct words from the word bank to complete the sentence.

Word Bank

will leave	had left	leaves	is leaving

Daisy: My father had left ✓ the stadium before the football match ended.

QUESTION 38

Choose the correct verb forms to complete the conversation.

Jamie: Had you heard ✓ about your family's traditions before you started your

research?

Nick: My grandparents had told me about the family's traditions when I visited them.

QUESTION 39

Choose the correct verb forms to complete the dialogue.

Mandy: Were you reading your great-grandmother's diary when I came to see you?

Rose: Yes, I was. I found interesting details about my family and our traditions.

QUESTION 40

Choose the correct verbs to complete the conversation.

John: Did you dance to traditional folk music when you were younger?

Thomas: I did not dance, but I played the drums when I was younger.