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CHAPTER 2

PAST TENSE

By Rina Marlina

Past tense is a form of sentence that expresses events in the past. The time signals are: yesterday, last week, two day ago, last year, and so on.

2.1 Simple Past

Simple past tense is a form of time used to describe events or actions that were carried out at a certain time in the past in simple form. This type of tense uses V2 and past auxiliary words (did/was/were).

Some typical time expressions with this tense are yesterday, last week, a year ago, the other day, after that, on Friday in 2001, and so on (Eastwood, 2002).

Formula

1. Verbal

- (+) Subject + verb 2 + object
- (-) Subject + did + not + verb 1 + object
- (?) Did + subject + verb 1 + object?

Example:

- (+) He played badminton yesterday.
 - (-) He did not play badminton yesterday.
 - (?) Did he play badminton yesterday?
-
- (+) Jessica bought a new dress two days ago.
 - (-) Jessica did not buy a new dress two days ago.
 - (?) Did Jessica buy a new dress two days ago?

- (+) We went to the market last night.
- (-) We did not go to the market last night.
- (?) Did we go to the market last night?

- (+) I walked to campus last week.
- (-) I did not walk to campus last week.
- (?) Did I walk to campus last week?

- (+) Jason joined English Club class at school a year ago.
- (-) Jason did not join English Club class at school a year ago.
- (?) Did Jason join English Club class at school a year ago?

- (+) They wore the white dress the other day.
- (-) They did not wear the white dress the other day.
- (?) Did they wear white dress the other day?

- (+) My niece saw my phone on the table a hour ago.
- (-) My niece did not see my phone on the table a hour ago.
- (?) Did my niece see my phone on the table a hour ago?

- (+) Grace attended Math class this week.
- (-) Grace did not attend Math class this week.
- (?) Did Grace attend Math class this week?

- (+) Siena moved to the class last month.
- (-) Siena did not move to the class last month.
- (?) Did Siena move to the class last month?

- (+) My nephew fell off the bike last year.
- (-) My nephew did not fall off the bike last year.
- (?) Did my nephew off the bike last year?

2. Nominal

(+) Subject + to be (was/were) + complement
(noun/adjective/adverb)

(-) Subject + to be was/were + not + complement
(noun/adjective/adverb)

(?) To be (was/were) + Subject + complement
(noun/adjective/adverb)?

Example:

(+) I was a student.

(-) I was not a student.

(?) Was I a student?

(+) Soeharto was the second President of Indonesia.

(-) Soeharto was not the second President of Indonesia.

(?) Was Soeharto the second President of Indonesia?

(+) Jony and I were there last night.

(-) Jony and I were not there last night.

(?) Were Jony and I there last night?

(+) I was born in 2001.

(-) I was not born in 2001.

(?) Was I born in 2001?

(+) They were humble.

(-) They were not humble.

(?) Were they humble?

(+) I was famous singer.

(-) I was not famous singer.

(?) Was I famous singer?

(+) They were a badminton player in 2000.

(-) They were not a badminton player in 2000.
(?) Were they a badminton player in 2000?

(+) Jack was happy yesterday.
(-) Jack was not happy yesterday.
(?) Was Jack happy yesterday?

(+) I was happy to work here.
(-) I was not happy to work here.
(?) Was I happy to work here?

(+) Cassandra was an actress.
(-) Cassandra was not an actress.
(?) Was Cassandra an actress?

2.2 Past Continuous

Past continuous tense is generally used to express actions, conditions or events that were taking place in the past when other conditions or actions occurred.

Formula

1. Verbal

(+) Subject + was/were + verb-ing + object
(-) Subject + was/were + not + verb-ing + object
(?) Was/were + subject + verb-ing + object?

Example:

(+) She was calling her father when her friend came yesterday.
(-) She was not calling her father when her friend came yesterday.
(?) Was she calling her father when her friend came yesterday?
(+) They were singing when I came to their house last night.

(-) They were not singing when I came to their house last night.

(?) Were they singing when I came to their house last night?

(+) I was eating when my mother called me.

(-) I was not eating when my mother called me.

(?) Was I eating when my mother called me?

(+) She was reading a novel when I went to the market.

(-) She was not reading a novel when I went to the market.

(?) Was she reading a novel when I went to the market?

(+) My father was fishing in the river last week.

(-) My father was not fishing in the river last week.

(?) Was my father fishing in the river last week?

(+) Jenny and Jonny were swimming at eight o'clock yesterday morning.

(-) Jenny and Jonny were not swimming at eight o'clock yesterday morning.

(?) Were Jenny and Jonny swimming at eight o'clock yesterday morning?

(+) He was eating a bread while I was reading a book.

(-) He was not eating a bread while I was reading a book.

(?) Was He eating a bread while I was reading a book?

(+) George was playing basketball while John was reading a comic.

(-) George was not playing basketball while John was reading a comic.

(?) Was George playing basketball while John was reading a comic?

(+) My brother was washing his bike when I was making a cake.

(-) My brother was not washing his bike when I was making a cake.

(?) Was my brother washing his bike when I was making a cake?

(+) Gabriella was studying English at 10 am last week.

(-) Gabriella was not studying English at 10 am last week.

(?) Was Gabrielle studying English at 10 am last week?

Note:

When the past continuous shows that an action occurred first and was still going on when the second action occurred, this tense is paired with the simple past tense.

Past continuous + when + simple past

Example:

They were watching a drama when the book fell on the floor (*the event occurred before and was still ongoing when the book fell to the floor*)

Note:

When the past continuous tense shows two actions taking place simultaneously, these tenses are combined into 2 sentences with the same formula (using the past continuous tense).

Past continuous + while + past continuous

Example:

She was watching a movie while he was reading a novel (*both events happened simultaneously in the past*)

2.3 Past Perfect

Past perfect tense is a form of time that is used to describe an action that was completed in the past or to describe a situation or event that has occurred. In general, it emphasizes the circumstances or events that happened earlier. It uses *had* and *verb 3*.

Formula

1. Verbal

- (+) Subject + had + verb 3 + object.
- (-) Subject + had + not + verb 3 + object.
- (?) Had + Subject + verb 3 + object?

Example:

- (+) I had finished my homework before I went to bed.
- (-) I had not finished my homework before I went to bed.
- (?) Had I finished my homework before I went to bed?

- (+) They had slept when she came yesterday.
- (-) They had not slept when she came yesterday.
- (?) Had they slept when she came yesterday?

- (+) They had gone to the library before I came here.
- (-) They had not gone to the library before I came here.
- (?) Had they to the library before I came here?

- (+) Ibrahim had studied before he took the TOAFL test.
- (-) Ibrahim had not studied before he took the TOAFL test.
- (?) Had Ibrahim studied before he took the TOAFL test?

- (+) My teacher had slept.
- (-) My teacher had not slept.
- (?) Had my teacher slept?

(+) The cupcake had run out when I came two hours ago.
(-) The cupcake had not run out when I came two hours ago.
(?) Had the cupcake run out when I came two hours ago?

(+) Sean had come here after his mother called him.
(-) Sean had not come here after his mother called him.
(?) Had Sean come here after his mother called him?

(+) I had read a novel twice before my friend borrowed it.
(-) I had not read a novel twice before my friend borrowed it.
(?) Had I read a novel twice before my friend borrowed it?

(+) I had done my task before you called me.
(-) I had not done my task before you called me.
(?) Had I done my task before you called me?

(+) My father had worked in the garden when my brother came.
(-) My father had not worked in the garden when my brother came.
(?) Had my father worked in the garden when my brother came?

2. Nominal

(+) Subject + had + been + Complement
(Noun/Adjective/Adverb)
(-) Subject + had + not + been + Complement
(Noun/Adjective/Adverb)
(?) Had + Subject + been + Complement
(Noun/Adjective/Adverb)?

Example:

(+) Lien had been a doctor when she went to abroad.
(-) Lien had not been a doctor when she went to abroad.
(?) Had Lien been a doctor when she went to abroad?

(+) They had been angry.
(-) They had not been angry.
(?) Had they been angry?

(+) Her mother had been a teacher when she was six.
(-) Her mother had not been a teacher when she was six.
(?) Had her mother been a teacher when she was six?

(+) She had been a lecturer in this campus before she moved to Jakarta.
(-) She had not been a lecturer in this campus before she moved to Jakarta.
(?) Had she been a lecturer in this campus before she moved to Jakarta?

(+) I had been happy.
(-) I had not been happy.
(?) Had I been happy?

(+) My sister had been here for four hours.
(-) My sister had not been here for four hours.
(?) Had my sister been here for four hours?

(+) Rahmat had been in USA.
(-) Rahmat had not been in USA.
(?) Had Rahmat been in USA?

(+) My uncle had been a writer when I was ten.
(-) My uncle had not been a writer when I was ten.

(?) Had my uncle been a writer when I was ten?

(+) She had been a princess.

(-) She had not been a princess.

(?) Had she been a princess?

(+) They had been soulmate.

(-) They had not been soulmate.

(?) Had they been soulmate?

Note:

Past perfect tense sentences must be paired with past tense sentences

Past perfect + when + simple past

Past perfect + before + simple past

Past perfect + after + simple past

2.4 Past Perfect Continuous

Past perfect continuous tense is a form of time used to express an action or situation that started and is still ongoing in the past.

Formula

1. Verbal

(+) Subject + had + been + verb-ing + object.

(-) Subject + had + not + been + verb-ing + object.

(?) Had + subject + been + verb-ing + object?

Example:

(+) They had been playing badminton before they finished their exam.

(-) They had not been playing badminton before they finished their exam.

(?) Had they been playing badminton before they finished their exam?

(+) I had been watching tiktok all day.

(-) I had not been watching tiktok all day.

(?) Had I been watching tiktok all day?

(+) Juan had been going out for three minutes when I arrived at his house.

(-) Juan had not been going out for three minutes when I arrived at his house.

(?) Had Juan been going out for three minutes when I arrived at his house?

(+) Chiko had been swimming for an hour when it started raining.

(-) Chiko had not been swimming for an hour when it started raining.

(?) Had Chiko been swimming for an hour when it started raining?

(+) Selena had been going to the hospital.

(-) Selena had not been going to the hospital.

(?) Had Selena been going to the hospital?

(+) My father had been working all day.

(-) My father had not been working all day.

(?) Had my father been working all day?

(+) I had been studying in Majene for four years before I moved to another campus.

(-) I had not been studying in Majene for four years before I moved to another campus.

(?) Had I been studying in Majene for four years before I moved to another campus?

(+) She had been cooking here.

(-) She had not been cooking here.

(?) Had she been cooking here?

(+) Zain had been going to the pet shop when I called him.

(-) Zain had not been going to the pet shop when I called him.

(?) Had Zain been going to the pet shop when I called him?

(+) Marcel had been walking ten miles a week before he broke his leg.

(-) Marcel had not been walking ten miles a week before he broke his leg.

(?) Had Marcel been walking ten miles a week before he broke his leg?

COMMON IRREGULAR VERBS

Verb 1	Verb 2	Verb 3	Meaning
Buy	Bought	Bought	Membeli
Sleep	Slept	Slept	Tidur
Go	Went	Gone	Pergi
Eat	Ate	Eaten	Makan
Break	Broke	Broken	Merusak
Swim	Swam	Swum	Berenang
Come	Came	Come	Datang
Do	Did	Done	Mengerjakan, melakukan
Read	Read	Read	Membaca
Take	Took	Taken	Mengambil
Make	Made	Made	Membuat

Verb 1	Verb 2	Verb 3	Meaning
Wear	Wore	Worn	Memakai
See	Saw	Seen	Melihat
Fall	Fell	Fallen	Jatuh
Sing	Sang	Sung	Menyanyi
Hang	Hung	Hung	Menggantung
Leave	Left	Left	Meninggalkan
Forbid	Forbade	Forbidden	Melarang
Teach	Taught	Taught	Mengajar
Tell	Told	Told	Menceritakan
Write	Wrote	Written	Menulis
Get	Got	Got	Mendapatkan
Fly	Flew	Flown	Terbang
Have	Had	Had	Memiliki
Cut	Cut	Cut	Memotong

COMMON REGULAR VERBS

Verb 1	Verb 2	Verb 3	Meaning
Play	Played	Played	Bermain
Walk	Walked	Walked	Berjalan
Join	Joined	Joined	Mengikuti
Cook	Cooked	Cooked	Memasak
Call	Called	Called	Memanggil
Study	Studied	Studied	Belajar
Move	Moved	Moved	Memindahkan
Work	Worked	Worked	Bekerja
Start	Started	Started	Mulai
Arrive	Arrived	Arrived	Tiba, sampai
Watch	Watched	Watched	Memperhatikan, nonton

Finish	Finished	Finished	Menyelesaikan
Borrow	Borrowed	Borrowed	Meminjam
Wash	Washed	Washed	Mencuci
Attend	Attended	Attended	Menghadiri
Sign	Signed	Signed	Menandatangani
Use	Used	Used	Menggunakan
Visit	Visited	Visited	Mengunjungi
Show	Showed	Showed	Menunjukkan
Push	Pushed	Pushed	Mendorong
Receive	Received	Received	Menerima
Return	Returned	Returned	Mengembalikan
Like	Liked	Liked	Menyukai
Divide	Divided	Divided	Membagi
Help	Helped	Helped	Menolong

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