

PAST TENSE

SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Helping Verb: *Did* - used with both singular and plural subjects.

Affirmative: Subject + Main Verb 2nd form + Object.

Interrogative: Did + Subject + Main verb 1st form + Object +?

Negative: Subject + Did + not + Main verb 1st form + object.

Interrogative + Negative: Did + Subject + not + Main verb 1st form + object +?

Ex.

Aff: They went to market.

Int: Did they go to market?

Neg: They did not go to market.

Int+Neg: Did they not go to market?

: Didn't they go to market?

NOTE - Simple Past Tense is the only tense in which the second form of the verb (past tense, V2) is used.

- The second form of the verb is used only in affirmative sentence.

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

Helping Verbs: 1. *Was* – used with singular subjects

2. *Were* – used with plural subjects

Affirmative: Subject + Was/Were + Main Verb 1st form + ing + Object.

Interrogative: Was/Were + Subject + Main verb 1st form + ing + Object +?

Negative: Subject + Was/Were + not + Main verb 1st form + ing + object.

Interrogative + Negative: Was/Were+ Subject + not + Main verb 1st form +ing + object +?

Ex.1

Aff: Ravi was decorating the notice board yesterday evening.

Int: Was Ravi decorating the notice board yesterday evening?

Neg: Ravi was not decorating the notice board yesterday evening.

Int+Neg: Was Ravi not decorating the notice board yesterday evening?

: Wasn't Ravi decorating the notice board yesterday evening?

Ex.2

Aff: The students were shouting in the class.

Int: Were the students shouting in the class?

Neg: The students were not shouting in the class.

Int+Neg: Were the students not shouting in the class?

: Weren't the students shouting in the class?

PAST PERFECT TENSE

Helping Verb: *Had* – used with both singular and plural subjects.

Affirmative: Subject + had + Main Verb 3rd form + Object.

Interrogative: Had Subject + Main verb 3rd form + Object +?

Negative: Subject + had + not + Main verb 3rd form + object.

Interrogative + Negative: Had + Subject + not + Main verb 3rd form + object +?

Ex:

Aff: She had prepared a new project for her class presentation.

Int: Had she prepared a new project for her class presentation?

Neg: She had not prepared a new project for her class presentation.

Int+Neg: Had she not prepared a new project for her class presentation?

: Hadn't she prepared a new project for her class presentation?

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Helping Verbs: *.Had.....Been*

Affirmative: Subject + had + been + Main Verb 1st form + ing + object + since/for+ Timing.

Interrogative: Had + Subject + been + Main Verb 1st form + ing + object + since/for + Timing+?

Negative: Subject + had + not + Been + Main Verb 1st form + ing + object+ since/for+Timing.

Interrogative + Negative: Had + Subject + not + been + Main Verb 1st form + ing + object+ since/for+ Timing?

Ex:

Aff: They had been living in Meghnagar for ten years.

Int: Had they been living in Meghnagar for ten years?

Neg: They had not been living in Meghnagar for ten years.

Int+Neg: Had they not been living in Meghnagar for ten years?

: Hadn't they been living in Meghnagar for ten years?

" Students are requested to from their own sentences following the formulas given above."