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Class - X

English Grammar

Tenses

Part - 7



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Tenses



Past Continuous Tense

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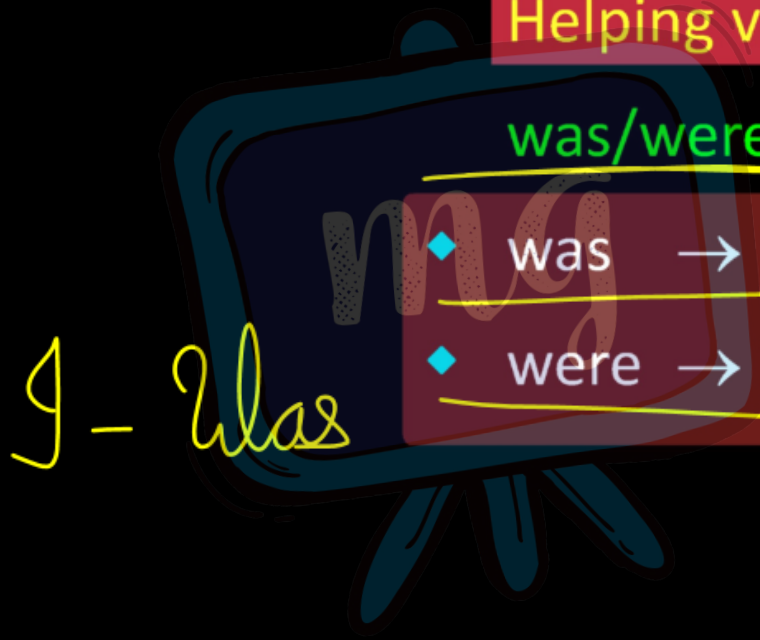

Helping verbs :

was/were

- was → Singular Subject
- were → Plural Subject

I - Was

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Main Verb

1st form + ing

Some Examples of 1st form + ing

- Working — Work + ing
- Reading — Read + ing
- Doing — Do + ing
- Hunting — Hunt + ing

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Examples :

- I was writing this book yesterday morning.
- She saw me as she was passing by yesterday.
- Who was working with you last year?

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Uses :

1. For an incomplete past action continuing around certain past time.

Examples :

- He was typing letters at 9 a.m. yesterday.
- When I called upon her, she was singing.

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2. This tense is used together with the simple past to show that one activity was in progress while another took place. The conjunctions used are when/while/as:

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- I was sleeping when the telephone bell rang.

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- Suresh was taking tea when I entered his room.
- A thief picked up his pocket while he was getting in the bus.

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3. When two actions were going on at the same time in the past then both the actions are presented using this tense.

Examples :

- While my mother was singing, I was sleeping.
- While I was writing this chapter, my wife was watching T.V.

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Exercise —

- He seemed (seem) a bit angry when he was speaking (speak).
- I was walking (walk) along the road when I saw (see) a snake.
- She was reading (read) a book when she heard (hear) a cry.

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- What ..... (be) you doing in the morning today?
- The car fell into a ditch while the driver ..... (look) away.
- She saw me as she ..... (pass) by yesterday.

be –

Is / are / am

was / were

was looking

was passing

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- What was the teacher teaching (teach) yesterday in the class?
- The children were not playing (not play) football in the garden.