

Exercise 4

Fill in the blanks with the correct tenses of verbs in brackets. Use the Simple Past or the Past Continuous Tense:

1. She did not sleep (not sleep) well last night.
2. I was going (go) to school when I lost (lose) my pen.
3. You were having (have) lunch when the post man came (come).
4. They built (build) this house last year.
5. They were sitting (sit) on the lawn when it started (start) raining.
6. While he was watching (watch) TV, his wife was making (make) tea.
7. Ashoka became (become) a Buddhist after the Kalinga War.
8. Mother was cooking (cook) food when I reached (reach) home.
9. The phone was ringing (ring) while I was having (have) my dinner.
10. The baby was sleeping (sleep) soundly when a sudden noise woke (wake) her up.

Exercise 5

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with Past Perfect Tense of Verbs given in brackets:

1. I wish I *had accepted* (accept) the offer.
2. By the time we reached the station the train *had left* (leave).
3. The rain *had stopped* (stop) when he went out of the house.
4. The Minister *had* already *stated* (state) in the Lok Sabha.
5. She knew that she *had made* (make) a serious mistake.
6. He was sure that he *had seen* (see) me somewhere before.
7. You *had never* (never) seen the Taj before.
8. He *had wished* (wish) to become a lawyer.
9. The guests *had* already *taken* (take) the food.
10. Your father *had sold* (sell) the house already.

Exercise 6

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. Use Simple Past Tense or the Past Perfect Tense:

1. I had expected (expect) fifty guests at the party, but only one-third came (come).
2. The work was (be) much harder than we thought (think) at first.
3. He asked (ask) me why I had left (leave) the party so early.
4. He wished (wish) to become an engineer, but he could (can) not do so.
5. He refused (refuse) to admit that he had made (make) a mistake.
6. Previously she was (be) a very promising student.
7. She wanted (want) to know what had happened (happen) to her briefcase.

8. Rashmi had left (leave) by the time we arrived.
9. I had hoped (hope) to send a post card to congratulate him on his success, but I could (can) not send it.
10. The parents had arrived (arrive) before the program started (start).

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Exercise 7

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the correct Past Tense (i.e. Past Simple, Past Perfect or Past Perfect Continuous) of the Verbs given in brackets:

1. I always *carried* (carry) an umbrella.
2. The doctor *had arrived* (arrive) before I came.
3. The child *had been cutting* (cut) teeth for two weeks.
4. How long you *had been waiting* (wait) for me?
5. No sooner did he reach the station than the train *had started* (start).
6. Pakistan *had been preparing* (prepare) for the world cup many years before.
7. The teacher *refused* (refuse) to accept that he *had completed* (complete) his homework himself.
8. Your brother *had been absenting* (absent) himself for a week.
9. We *had been watching* (watch) the match for half an hour before you came.
10. She *had been hiding* (hide) this secret for long.
11. The fire *had already destroyed* (already, destroy) much of the building when the firemen *arrived* (arrived).
12. It *was raining* (rain) since midnight.
13. She *had been living* (live) in Mumbai for ten years before 2017.
14. The taxi driver *agreed* (agree) and *had driven* (drive) him back to his house.
15. If you *left* (leave) early you *would catch* (catch) the train.