# **Past Continuous Tense in Hindi**

Class Objective: Learning Past continuous Tense in Hindi

### Concept A: Past continuous tense

**Definition :** The past continuous tense denotes an ongoing action that was happened at a particular moment of interruption in the past. Past continuous tense is known as Apurna bhoot kaal (अपूर्ण भूत काल)in Hindi.

## Concept B: Past continuous tense

- I. Past Continuous tense- Apurna bhoot kaal(अपूर्ण भूत काल): This tense is also called as past progressive tense. if we use the words such as "raha thaरहा था/ rahe theरहे थे / rahi thiरही थीं" at the end of the sentence then that sentence is known as past continuous.
  - I was singing a song.
     Main gana gaa rahi thi. (For female)
    में गाना गा रही थीं।(महिला के लिए)
    Main gana gaa raha tha. (For male)
    में गाना गा रहा था।(आदमी के लिए)
  - 2. I was eating. Main khaa rahi thi. मैं खा रही थी।

### Concept C: Uses of past continuous tense

1. **Interrupted action in the past**: Use the past continuous to indicate that a longer action in the past was interrupted. The interruption is usually a shorter action in the simple past. Remember this can be a real interruption or just an interruption in time.

**Eg:** He **was completing** his homework when she called.

Jab usne phone kiya tha tab vah uskaapna homework **pura kar raha tha** .

जब उसने फ़ोन किया था तब वह अपना होमवर्क पूरा कर रहा था।

2. **Parallel actions**: When you use the past continuous with two actions in the same sentence, it expresses the idea that both actions were happening at the same time. The actions are parallel.

Eg: While I was eating an apple he was chopping vegetables. jab mainseb khaa raha tha/ rahi thi tab vah sabjiyan kaat raha tha. जब मैं सेब खा रहा था/रही थीं तब वह सब्जियाँ काट रहा था।

### **Practice questions A:**

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