

Common mistakes in the use of past tense

Concept A: What are past tense?

The **past tense** is a verb **tense** that used to describe a **past** activity or a **past** state of being. For **regular verbs** past tense is generally the verb with -t, -d or -ed while those of **irregular verbs** are formed in various ways.

Concept B: Few rules for using past tense

Past Simple

We use simple past to talk about consecutive actions in the past.

Form- subject+past tense

Past continuous

Longer, continuous past action. It is often an action which was in progress when another action happened.

Form - Subject + be (past) + verb -ing

Past Perfect

It is used for talking about an action that had happened but was finished before the main event.

Form - Subject + had + past participle.

Past Perfect Continuous

It is used for a longer continuous action that was going on before the main event.

Form - Subject + had + been + verb -ing

Past simple: I played

Past continuous: I was playing

Past perfect continuous: I had been playing

Past perfect: I had played

Concept C : Common mistakes in usage of articles

- We should be consistent in use of past tense in the sentences.

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