VERB CONJUGATIONS IN PAST TENSE.

CLASS OBJECTIVE: GET FAMILIAR WITH THE VERBS AND THEIR CONJUGATIONS IN PAST TENSE.

CONCEPT A: Introduction to conjugation of verbs in past tense.

In Russian grammar, we don't have clear demarcation between different types of past tense like past indefinite, past continuous and past perfect continuous.

Past indefinite and past perfect tenses are defined using the perfective and imperfective aspects of verbs.

For example, we have two forms of a single verb, 'читать' and 'прочитал', the first variant signifies repetitive action, while the second one signifies such action, which is executed only once.

- Читать- Прочитать- to read.
- Я читал книгу.
- I was reading a book/ I read a book.
- Ya chital knigu.
- Я прочитал/прочитала одну книгу.
- I had read a book.
- Ya prachital adny knigu.
- Покупать- купить- to buy.
- Раньше, он покупал фрукты.
- Earlier, He used to buy fruits.
- Ranshe, on pakupal fruktyi.
- Он купил фрукты.
- He had bought fruits.
- On kupil fruktyi.

CONCEPT B: Verb endings in past tense.

In past tense, verb Endings or suffixes mostly vary as per the Gender of the subject, it also varies as per the person of the subject, but the variation is quite minimal in nature.

Endings of verbs in past tense as per 3 genders:

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