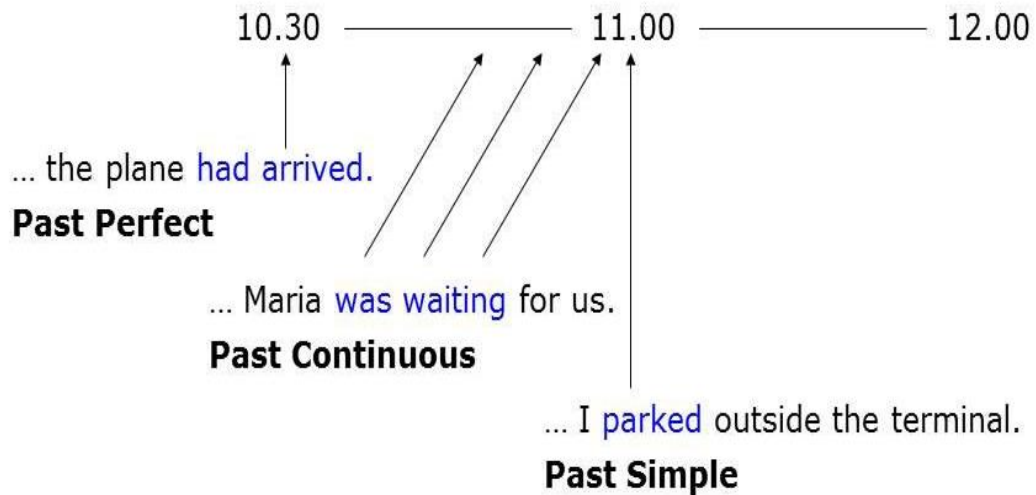


Lecture:5

▶ 1 Past Tenses

1 We use different past tenses to describe moments and periods of time in the past.

When we got to the airport at 11.00...



▶ 2 Past Simple

1 The form of the Past Simple is the same for all persons.

I **worked** hard.

You **didn't call** me.

When **did** they **arrive**?

Did it **snow**? Yes, it **did**./No, it **didn't**.

2 The Past Simple is used to express ...

1 **We met John yesterday.**

... a finished action in the past.

2 **I woke up at 3am, went downstairs and saw a burglar.**

... actions that follow each other in a story.

3 **When he was a student, Paul worked in a pub.**

... a past situation or habit.

▶ Past Simple

3 Spelling of verb + *-ed*

clean **cleaned** Most verbs add *-ed* to the verb.

arrive **arrived** Verbs that end in *-e* add *-d*.

clap **clapped** Verbs of one syllable, with one vowel + one consonant – double the consonant and add *-ed*.

stay **stayed** The consonant is not doubled if it is *-y* or *-w*.

regret **regretted** In most two-syllable verbs, the end consonant is doubled if the stress is on the second syllable.

happen **happened** We don't double the consonant if the stress is on the first syllable.

worry **worried** Verbs that end in a consonant + *-y* change the *-y* to *-ied*.

There are many common irregular verbs.



4

Past Simple or Past Continuous?

1 Sometimes both tenses are possible.

I'm sorry I didn't go out with you last night.

I **did** my homework (instead).

Focus on the action as a completed fact.

I **was doing** my homework.

Focus on the duration of activities.

2 Questions in the Past Simple and Past Continuous refer to different time periods.

What **was** Sam **doing** when the alarm rang? **He was sleeping.**

The Past Continuous asks about activities before.

What **did** Sam **do** when the alarm rang? **He ran outside.**

The Past Simple asks about what happened after.

3 Write the questions that match the answer.

A What/Maria/say/when you arrived?

What did Maria say when you arrived?

B She told me I was late.

A What/Maria/say/when you arrived?

What was Maria saying when you arrived?

B She was telling her son to answer the phone.

▶ 6

Past Perfect

- 1 The Past Perfect refers to an action in the past that was completed before another action in the past.

The form of the Past Perfect is the same for all persons.

I You We	'd (had) hadn't	visited New York before. eaten dinner by 7pm.
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Where had	you she they	put the car keys?
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Had he already emailed you? Yes, he had./No, he hadn't.

- 2 The Past Perfect is used to make clear that one action in the past happened before another action in the past.

When Paul arrived, we had finished dinner.

This happened [↑] before Paul arrived.

- 3 The Past Simple tells a story in chronological order.

Lara moved to Canada in 2006, she met Bob in 2007 and they got married in 2009.

2006 → 2007 → 2008 → 2009

The Past Perfect can tell the story in a different order.

Bob and Lara got married in 2009. Lara had moved to Canada in 2006 and had met Bob in 2007.

4 Notice the difference between these sentences.

When I got here, Omar **left**.

First, I arrived, then Omar left.

When I got here, Omar **had left**.

First, Omar left, then I arrived.

5 The Past Perfect Continuous refers to longer actions or repeated activities.

By 6.00 I was hungry, because **I'd been playing** tennis all afternoon.

6 Make the sentences.

1 I was tired, as I **'d been travelling** (travel) all day.

2 We were late. When we arrived, the game **had started** (start)

3 When we rang, Lena **answered** (answer).

▶ 7

Past tenses in the passive

1 The uses of the past tenses are the same in the passive as in the active.

2 We form the Past Simple passive using *was/were* + past participle.
The new library **was built** in 2010.

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past participle (finished action in the past)

3 We form the Past Continuous passive using *was/were being* + past participle.

The museum **was being renovated** when I visited.

(interrupted past activity)

4 We form the Past Perfect passive using *had been* + past participle.

I didn't see Tina because she **had been delayed** at the airport.

(one action before another action in the past)

5 Complete the two sentences.

The office was being repainted when we arrived. (repaint)

(interrupted past activity)

The office had been repainted when we arrived. (repaint)

(one action before another action in the past)