

UNIT 16 THE PAST TENSE

REVIEW

The **simple past tense** is used for **completed past actions** and **past habitual actions**.

Review these.

- The game **ended** at five o'clock.
- Mr Brown **wanted** to see you yesterday.
- Sue **cried** a lot when she was a little girl.
- They **played** basketball every weekend last month.

The **past continuous tense** is used **for actions that were happening at some time in the past, to mark an action which was going on when a second one took place** and **for two or more actions progressing at the same time in the past**.

Review these.

- This morning, we **were jogging** in the park together.
- She **was studying** in Canada last year.
- They **were sleeping** when the fire broke out.
- I **was having** my lunch when the telephone rang.
- The girls **were singing** while the boys **were clapping**.
- While the boys **were collecting** firewood, the girls **were preparing** the food.

The **past perfect tense** is used to show **an action that was completed before another action took place**.

Review these.

- He forgot where he **had left** his keys.
- The show **had** already **begun** when we entered the theatre.

The **past perfect continuous tense** is used to **mark an action going on for some time in the past when a second one took place**.

Review these.

- Mr Bran **had been selling** bread before he decided to become a fireman.
- Mr Smith **had been working** in a library before he became a writer.