



7.6. Past Continuous Tense

PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

पहचान—

जिस वाक्य के अंत में रहा था, रहे थे, रही थी आए, वह वाक्य Past Continuous Tense का वाक्य कहलाता है; जैसे—वह स्कूल जा रहा था।

A. POSITIVE FORMS

I/ he/ she/ it was going
we/ you/ they were going

साधारण वाक्यों (Affirmative Sentences) के लिए Sentence Structure :

Subject + was/ were + (Verb I + ing) + Object.

Past Continuous Tense के साधारण वाक्यों में Verb की First Form के साथ ing लगाई जाती है। Singular Subject के साथ helping verb 'was' और Plural Subject के साथ 'were' का प्रयोग किया जाता है; जैसे—

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| (a) मैं स्कूल जा रहा था। | I was going to school. |
| (b) वह स्कूल जा रहा था। | He was going to school. |
| (c) वह स्कूल जा रही थी। | She was going to school. |
| (d) हम स्कूल जा रहे थे। | We were going to school. |
| (e) तुम स्कूल जा रहे थे। | You were going to school. |
| (f) वे स्कूल जा रहे थे। | They were going to school. |

B. NEGATIVE FORMS

I/ he/ she/ it was not going OR I/ he/ she/ it wasn't going
we/ you/ they were not going OR we/ you/ they weren't going

नकारात्मक वाक्यों (Negative Sentences) के लिए Sentence Structure :

Subject + was/ were + not + (Verb I + ing) + Object.

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| (a) मैं स्कूल नहीं जा रहा था। | I was not going to school. |
| (b) वह स्कूल नहीं जा रहा था। | He was not going to school. |
| (c) वह स्कूल नहीं जा रही थी। | She was not going to school. |
| (d) हम स्कूल नहीं जा रहे थे। | We were not going to school. |
| (e) तुम स्कूल नहीं जा रहे थे। | You were not going to school. |
| (f) वे स्कूल नहीं जा रहे थे। | They were not going to school. |

C. INTERROGATIVE FORMS

Was I/ he/ she/ it going ?

Were we/ you/ they going ?

प्रश्नवाचक वाक्यों (Interrogative Sentences) के लिए Sentence Structure :

Was/ Were + Subject + (Verb I + ing) + Object + ?

जैसे—

(a) क्या मैं स्कूल जा रहा था ?

Was I going to school ?

(b) क्या वह स्कूल जा रहा था ?

Was he going to school ?

(c) क्या वह स्कूल जा रही थी ?

Was she going to school ?

(d) क्या हम स्कूल जा रहे थे ?

Were we going to school ?

(e) क्या तुम स्कूल जा रहे थे ?

Were you going to school ?

(f) क्या वे स्कूल जा रहे थे ?

Were they going to school ?

D. INTERROGATIVE NEGATIVE FORMS

Was I/ he/ she/ it not going ? OR Wasn't I/ he/ she/ it going ?

Were we/ you/ they not going ? OR Weren't we/ you/ they going ?

नकारात्मक प्रश्नवाचक वाक्यों (Interrogative Negative Sentences) के लिए Sentence Structure :

Was/ Were + Subject + not + (Verb I + ing) + Object + ?

जैसे—

(a) क्या मैं स्कूल नहीं जा रहा था ?

Was I not going to school ?

(b) क्या वह स्कूल नहीं जा रहा था ?

Was he not going to school ?

(c) क्या वह स्कूल नहीं जा रही थी ?

Was she not going to school ?

(d) क्या हम स्कूल नहीं जा रहे थे ?

Were we not going to school ?

(e) क्या तुम स्कूल नहीं जा रहे थे ?

Were you not going to school ?

(f) क्या वे स्कूल नहीं जा रहे थे ?

Were they not going to school ?

E. USES

Past Continuous Tense का प्रयोग

(i) PAST ACTIONS

Past continuous tense का प्रयोग बीते समय में कुछ देर तक चल रहे किसी कार्य को बताने के लिए किया जाता है। कार्य होने का समय दर्शाया भी जा सकता है और नहीं भी; जैसे—

(a) He was writing a letter yesterday evening.

(b) I was reading a book at 8 a.m.

(c) They were playing football.

(d) He was looking ill yesterday.

(ii) TWO ACTIONS IN PAST

जब past में दो घटनाएँ एक साथ जारी हों। एक साथ दो कार्य होते रहने की स्थिति में दोनों कार्यों के लिए Past Continuous का प्रयोग किया जाता है।

(a) While she was dancing, he was singing.

(b) While mother was bathing, sister was cooking.

(iii) WITH ALWAYS

किसी व्यक्ति के Past की ऐसी आदत जो दूसरों के लिए नाराज़गी, चिड़चिड़ाहट आदि का कारण बनी हों; जैसे—

(a) He was always grumbling.

(b) They were always abusing others.

NOTE—

जब किसी लंबे समय तक होने वाले कार्य के मध्य में कोई नया कार्य हो जाए, तो नए कार्य के लिए Past Indefinite का प्रयोग किया जाता है; जैसे—

(a) When I arrived, my wife was washing her clothes.

(b) When I saw her, she was dancing.

ध्यान रखें— सामान्य रूप से जब एक कार्य पूर्ण हो गया हो तथा दूसरा कार्य चल रहा हो, तो when का प्रयोग होता है। जब दोनों कार्य साथ-साथ जारी रहते हैं, तो while का प्रयोग होता है।
