**16. THE PAST TENSE**

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**Identify the verbs in these sentences:**

I **played** a video game in the afternoon.

We **went** to Manali last winter.

They **had done** this before too.

They **had been waiting** at the airport for a long time.

1. **Fill in the blanks using the past tense of the given verbs:**
2. I **went** to the United States of America last year.
3. The balloon **burst** as she touched it.
4. He **brought** me some soup when I was sick.
5. My mother **argued** with the auto driver who was asking for more money.
6. We **drove** around town yesterday.
7. She **hung** the painting we gave her in the living room.
8. I asked for a snack and she **cut** a piece of cake for me.
9. The pickpocket **crept** towards the unknowing passer-by.
10. Sunita **swam** five laps in the pool today.
11. The sweater **shrank** after it was washed.
12. **Rewrite the sentences in the tense given in the brackets:**
13. The scientists **conducted** an experiment.
14. She **was trying** to fix the toy for her son.
15. The teachers **had worked** hard to make this time table.
16. She **burnt** herself while lighting the candles.
17. Yani **had been working** all night to finish her project.
18. Many students **had felt** anxious before their exams.
19. Kevin **was calling** his father before boarding the plane.
20. I **had been eating** dinner quite late last night.
21. We **tried** to listen to the announcements in the noisy platform.
22. I **had cut** my finger while chopping vegetables for dinner.
23. **Fill in the blanks with the Simple Past or Past Continuous Tense of the verbs in the brackets:**
24. At 9:30 last night, my sister **was working** on her laptop.
25. I **forgot** to lock the front door last night.
26. The woman **was sleeping** when the robbers **broke** into her house.
27. They **were painting** the house all day yesterday.
28. She **was getting** into the car when a cyclist **knocked** her down.
29. **Fill in the blanks with the Simple Past or Past Perfect Tense of the verbs given in the brackets:**
30. I **had been** a professional singer before I became a teacher.
31. We **had spoken** on the phone last night.
32. They **thought** that they would finish the work before 4:00 p.m.
33. I **went** to the library and did my history project.
34. Priya had met her relatives when she **had travelled** all over Europe.
35. Many children **fell** sick in December.
36. Manish **jogged** through the park.
37. Vinita **had walked** through the construction site but stopped when she saw the big hole.
38. I **was** sleepy in Mathematics class.
39. I **had lived** in New York for five years before I moved to India.

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**Complete the passage using the Past Tense of the verbs in the brackets:**

Last Saturday I **joined** my classmates on a trip to Barapani. We **left** early in the morning. After our arrival, we quickly **unpacked** and **pitched** our tents. Later, we **trekked** into the forest to gather wood. We **piled** logs on top of one another and **built** a fire. Virat and Simran **spent** the afternoon fishing. They **were** lucky! They **caught** four large fish. Mr. Biswas, our teacher-in-charge, **cooked** the fish over the fire. What a feast we had!