

## Lesson 8

## Past Perfect &amp; Past perfect continuous

## Answer key

## Presentation-1:

## A Page from Habib's Diary

Habib made the following entries in his diary last Monday. Read them.

11 a.m. Nargis left Dhaka for Sylhet by car.  
 11.10 I reached her house ten minutes late. There was a terrible jam on the road.  
 1 p.m. I called her on her cell phone. She was near Ashuganj.  
 5 p.m. She reached Sylhet and called me.  
 7.00 I spoke to her again. She was cooking dinner for her father.



## Activity-1

Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of verbs (simple past or past perfect) in the brackets.

Dr. Akram asked Fahim when the rash 1 (start). Fahim said that he 2 (notice) it a week ago. He also said that he 3 (go) to another doctor before, but since the rashes had become worse in the last two days, he 4 (come) to Dr. Akram. Dr. Akram 5 (want) to see what medicines the other doctor 6 (prescribe). Fahim 7 (forget) to bring the prescription and 8 (tell) the doctor so. The doctor told Fahim to lie down on the couch, and after he 9 (examine) him thoroughly, he 10 (give) him some new tests to do.

## Language Focus

Notice that the Past Perfect describes an action completed before a certain moment in the past.

For example:

When I reached her house at 11.10, Nargis *had already left* Dhaka for Sylhet.

If two actions happened in the past, the past perfect is often used to show which action happened earlier than the other.

The Past Perfect Continuous is used for an action that began before a certain point in the past and continued up to that time.

For example:

It was 8 p.m. Dr. Akram was seeing a patient. He *had started* seeing patients at 5 p.m. He *had been seeing* patients for three hours. He *had been seeing* patients since 5 p.m.

Now See how Habib reported the whole thing to Salma a few days later.

When I reached Nargis' house at 11.10, she *had already left* home for Sylhet. She had waited for me till 11.00 and then left with her father in their family car. When I talked to her at 1 p.m. she *hadn't yet reached* Ashuganj, but was close to it. At 5.00 she called to say that she *had just reached* Sylhet. When I called her again at 7 p.m. she *had already unpacked*, finished shopping from the grocery near their apartment and was cooking dinner for her father. I told her how miserable I felt because I couldn't say 'good bye' to her before she left, but she laughed softly and said she understood.

## Activity-2

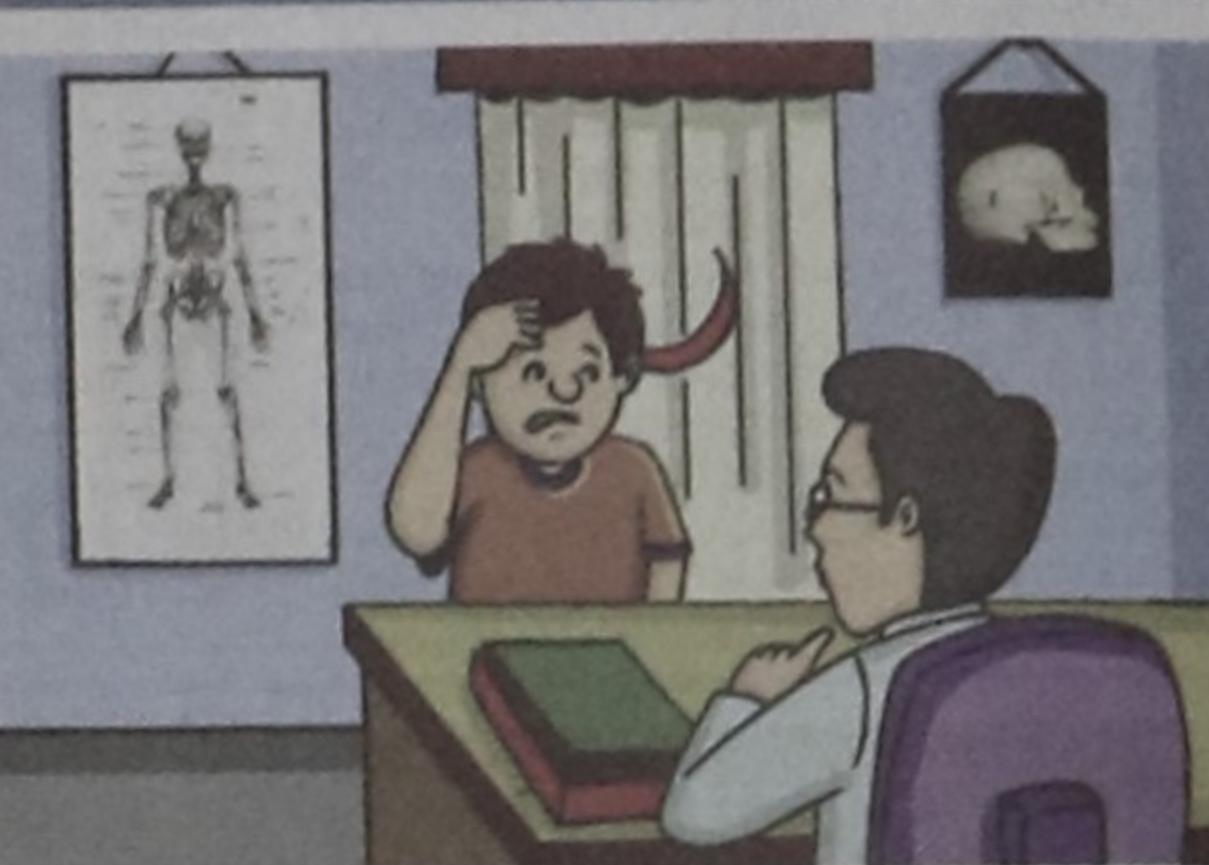
Read the passage below and then fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of verbs (simple past, past perfect or past perfect continuous) given in the brackets.

When we reached the stadium, it was already 4 p.m. We found that a large crowd 1 (wait) there for the game to start. People 2 (get) into the stadium since 11 noon as everybody wanted a good place to sit.

While waiting, the crowd 3 (shout) to each other from their seats. A noisy atmosphere 4 (prevail) then, but as soon as the game started, a sudden hush 5 (fall) all over the stadium. People who 6 (shout) all this time 7 (become) silent. However, when the first goal was scored, all the noise that 8 (prevail) earlier came back more powerfully than ever.

It was a memorable experience for my friend and me. The team that we 9 (support) all along 10 (win) the trophy.

## Presentation-2



## At the Doctor's

Following is a typical evening at work for Dr. Akram, a general physician.

Read the sentences carefully.

Like any other day, yesterday also Dr. Akram saw patients from 5 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. As usual, he started with the emergency cases first.

From 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. he saw four patients. That is, by 6.00 he had seen 4 patients.

From 6 to 8 he saw ten patients.

From 8.00 to 9.30 he saw another six patients.

That means by 9.30 the doctor had seen twenty patients.

He had been seeing patients since 5 o'clock.

In other words, by the time it was 9.30, the doctor had been seeing patients for four and a half hours.

How many patients had Dr. Akram seen by 8 p.m.? He had seen 14 patients.

At 8.30 Mina had come in to see the doctor. She asked the receptionist how long the doctor had been seeing patients. The receptionist said that he had been seeing patients for three and a half hours.

## Reading for enjoyment

Here is a well-known story about Nasiruddin Hojja. Hojja was born in Turkey some time in the 13th century, but he moved to Iran. In Iran Hojja's genius, particularly his wit and humour, was greatly appreciated by the ruler of the land who warmly welcomed Hojja in his court.

## You See, I was Inside It



ONE night there was a great deal of noise at Hojja's home. Hojja and his wife were quarreling like mad. After considerable shouts and screams there was a big sound of something heavy falling down. And then everything grew quiet.

Next morning a neighbour approached Hojja and wanted to know what had happened the night before. Hojja told him that it was a mere trifle, a minor argument between husband and wife.

The neighbour said, But I heard a big noise of something falling and then everything became quiet. What was it? Hojja said, Oh, it was my cloak. In her anger my wife had thrown it out of the window.

The neighbour said, Come on, Hojja don't be absurd. How could a mere cloak make such a big noise? Hojja replied, You see, when she hurled the cloak out I was inside it.

## Answer key

## Lesson-5

## Activity 1

- What were you doing at that time? / What were you doing then?
- Who were you talking with?
- What were you doing before that?
- Well, what were you doing at this time yesterday?
- Are you sure that you were not having tea with your friends at the canteen?
- When did you last see Kalam?

## Activity 3

Rearranging sentences

ii) iv) i) iii) v) vii) vi)

## Activity 4

1. lay 5. set  
 2. laid 6. sat  
 3. set 7. left  
 4. set 8. lay

## Activity 6

1. grew 2. boasted  
 3. lashed 4. fell  
 5. lay 6. stood

## Activity 7

1. would 6. heard  
 2. woke 7. said  
 3. had 8. bought  
 4. sprang 9. was (saying)  
 5. (was)getting 10. cried

## Lesson 6

## Activity 1A

1. have you had  
 2. had  
 3. have you taken  
 4. have been taking...  
 5. been watching  
 6. have been reading

## Activity 1B

have just received  
 have got, applied  
 knew  
 have told  
 called, have talked

## Activity 3

1. b 2. c 3. b 4. c

## Lesson 7

## Activity 1

1. be very quiet  
 2. sing lullabies  
 3. tell me stories  
 4. go to my grandparents' house  
 5. go swimming

## Activity 2

1. He used to play cricket and tennis before. Now he plays tennis only.  
 2. He used to read a lot before. But now he has no time to read a lot. Now he reads newspapers only.  
 3. He used to be scared of ghost stories before. But now he writes horror stories.  
 4. Before he used to go to movies regularly. But now he watches DVD at home.

## Activity 3

1. He used to be very lean and thin. Then he started jogging regularly. Now he is quite strong and stout.  
 2. He used to walk to school. He used to go to school on foot. Then he got a bicycle as a gift from his father. Now he rides on his cycle to school.  
 3. He used to chat with his friends on the mobile phone all the time. But recently he has bought a computer. Now he chats with his friends on the internet.

## Activity 4

1. used to go 9. used to enjoy  
 2. no change 10. used to get  
 3. no change 11. no change  
 4. no change 12. no change  
 5. used to play 13. no change  
 6. used to make 14. no change  
 7. no change 15. used to be  
 8. used to get 16. used to do

## Lesson-8

## Activity 1

1. had started  
 2. had noticed  
 3. had gone  
 4. had come  
 5. wanted  
 6. had prescribed  
 7. had for gotten  
 8. told  
 9. had examined  
 10. gave

## Activity 2

1. was waiting  
 2. had been getting  
 3. shouted/ was shouting  
 4. had prevailed  
 5. fell  
 6. had been shouting  
 7. became  
 8. had prevailed  
 9. had been supporting  
 10. won/ had won

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