

UNIT 5 – A TRIP TO ANDAMAN

I. SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Read the following lines taken from the lesson:

Soon after the examinations were over, Mom made preparations for the trip. On the 25th of April, we took the Pinakini Express from Vijayawada and reached Chennai at 1 p.m.

The underlined words are verbs in the **simple past tense** and refer to actions that took place in the past.

The **Simple Past Tense** is used here to talk of completed actions in the past.

Given below is the action plan prepared by the Headmaster of Zilla Parishad High School, Quthbullapur for a tour to Nagarjuna Sagar Project. They finished the tour on 15th October. Describe the tour in the past tense by making appropriate changes in the verbs given in the action plan.

6.00 a.m.	board the bus at the school
8.30 a.m.	stop at Chintapalli
12.00 noon	reach the spot
1.00 p.m.	take lunch
1.30 to 3.30 p.m.	visit the Nagarjuna Sagar project
3.30 to 4.30 p.m.	visit the museum
4.40 p.m.	visit Ettipothala falls
5.00 p.m.	board the bus
8.30 p.m.	take supper at Chintapalli
10.30 p.m.	reach the school

You can start like this:

On 15th October, the students of ZPH school, Quthbullapur **started** their tour to Nagarjuna Sagar Project. They **boarded** the bus at the school at 6.00 a.m and **stopped** at Chintapalli and **reached** the spot at 12.00 noon. Then at 1.00 p.m., they **took** lunch and from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. **visited** the Nagarjuna Sagar project. From 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., they **visited** the museum and by 4.40 p.m., **visited** the Ettipothala Falls. At 5.00 p.m. they **boarded** the bus and at 8.30 p.m., had supper at Chintapalli and by 10.30 p.m. **reached** the school

II. PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE

Read the following lines taken from the lesson:

Some foreign tourists on the beaches were basking in the sun and enjoying themselves.

The underlined verbs 'were basking' and '(were) enjoying' are in the Past Continuous Tense.

The **Past Continuous Tense** is used to talk about or describe an action which someone was doing or an event which was happening at a particular time in the past.

I. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given in the brackets.

1. They _____ with each other when the police_____.
(fight, arrive)
2. When Rajesh _____, he _____ down and _____ his leg.
(run, fall, injure)
3. While he _____ it _____ to rain. (play, begin)
4. The children _____ a film when the lights _____ off. (watch, go off)
5. My mother was _____ when the guests _____. (still cook, arrive)

6. The teacher _____ when the principal _____ the room.
(teach, enter)
7. Father was _____ the T.V. when the telephone bell _____.
(watch, ring)
8. We _____ ready for our journey when the power
_____ off. (get, go)

SUGGESTED ANSWER

1. They **were fighting** with each other when the police **arrived**. (fight, arrive)
2. When Rajesh **was running**, he **fell** down and **injured** his leg. (run, fall, injure)
3. While he **was playing** it **began** to rain. (play, begin)
4. The children **were watching** a film when the lights **went** off.
(watch, go off)
5. My mother was **still cooking** when the guests **arrived**. (still cook, arrive)
6. The teacher **was teaching** when the principal **entered** the room.
(teach, enter)
7. Father **was watching** the T.V. when the telephone bell **rang**.
(watch, ring)
8. We **were getting** ready for our journey when the power **went** off.
(get, go)