

UNIT 6 – A HERO

I. PAST CONTINUOUS FORM

Look at the following sentences from the text.

1. Father was sitting under the lamp and reading the newspaper.
2. He looked over the newspaper.

- Sentence 1 is in the **Past Continuous Tense form**. It conveys that the action was in progress at a particular point of time in the past.
- In sentence 2, the verb looked is in the Simple Past Tense. It shows that the action was complete in the past.

I. Pick out 5 sentences from the story that use the Simple Past Tense and 5 sentences that use the Past Continuous Tense. Write them down in your notebook.

- After reading it through, Father looked at Swami fixedly and asked, “What do you say to that?”
- Father lifted the newspaper to his face and started reading it again.
- Something was moving in the darkness.
- Swami lay gazing at it in horror.
- Then there was heavy tumbling and falling amidst furniture

II. Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the simple past or past continuous forms.

While Swami's father (read) the newspaper, Swami (listen) to it. His father (ask) him to sleep alone. But he (be) afraid of ghosts. He (want) to sleep in his grandmother's room. While he (sleep), he (have) a terrible dream. A tiger (chase) him and he (try) to escape.

SUGGESTED ANSWER

While Swami's father **was reading** (read) the newspaper, Swami **listened** (listen) to it. His father **asked** (ask) him to sleep alone. But he **was** (be) afraid of ghosts. He **wanted** (want) to sleep in his grandmother's room. While he **was sleeping** (sleep), he **had** (have) a terrible dream. A tiger **was chasing** (chase) him and he **was trying** (try) to escape.

III. EDITING

Read the following passage. Every numbered sentence has an error. Identify and edit it.

- (1) Akbar was on his way for the dining room. Hirachand was brought to him.
- (2) At the same time a messenger come to say that the Queen was ill.
- (3) Akbar left Hirachand and spent the whole morning by his sick wife.
- (4) By the time he returned to a dining room, his meal was cold. He ordered a fresh meal.
- (5) It took so long to get the meal ready that Akbar began to felt ill.

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- (2) At the same time a messenger ~~come~~ **came** to say that the Queen was ill.
- (3) Akbar left Hirachand and spent the whole morning ~~by~~ **beside** his sick wife.
- (4) By the time he returned to a ~~the~~ dining room, his meal was cold. He ordered a fresh meal.
- (5) It took so long to get the meal ready that Akbar began to ~~felt~~ **feel** ill.