

The Past Form (2nd Form) Of Verb

Rule-1

Use 2nd Form of Verb with expressions like ago, last, yesterday etc.

- They *came* here a month *ago*. (3 Times)
- The thief *broke* into the house *yesterday*. (3 Times)

EXERCISE

- (1) He ___ two days ago. (6 Times)
 a) do not die b) will die c) die d) died
- (2) He ___ me last week. (6 Times)
 a) meet b) met c) will meet d) have met
- (3) He ___ out five minutes ago. (5 Times)
 a) goes b) went c) had gone d) has gone
- (4) I remember I ___ you last year. (4 Times)
 a) was meeting b) had met c) has met d) met
- (5) This is the car which I ___ last month. (1 Time)
 a) buy b) have bought c) had bought d) bought

Answer Key	1	D	2	B	3	B	4	D	5	D
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Rule 2

Use 2nd Form of Verb with expressions like as if, as though, would that, I wish, etc.

NOTE: 'were' is used instead of 'was' in such expressions.

- I *wish* I *were* a king. (1 Time)
- *If only* she *were* not so tired.

EXERCISE

- (1) Would that I ___ rich. (8 Times)
 a) was b) am c) were d) have been
- (2) He speaks as if he ___ mad. (5 Times)
 a) is b) does c) were d) will be
- (3) Would that I ___ a king. (3 Times)
 a) is b) am c) was d) were
- (4) Would that they ___ our neighbors. (2 Times)
 a) had b) were c) are d) have been
- (5) She wishes that she _____ in a big city.
 a) lived b) live c) lives d) living

Answer Key	1	C	2	C	3	D	4	B	5	A
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Rule-3

Use 2nd Form of Verb for shorter action when the longer action is in Past Continuous Tense (was/were + -ing form of verb)

- While she was stacking dishes, she *turned* abruptly.
- Hubert was still *eating* his dinner when the police *arrived*.

EXERCISE

- (1) He was climbing down the tree when I ____ him. (4 Times)
 a) see b) seen c) saw d) will see
- (2) They were making a noise when the teacher ____ the class. (2 Times)
 a) had entered b) entered c) has entered d) enters
- (3) She ____ to see me while I was watering the plants. (1 Time)
 a) come b) comes c) came d) will come
- (4) Was I bothering you when I ____ that corner?
 a) turning b) turn c) turns d) turned
- (5) She was walking alone, when a boy ____ to snatch her purse.
 a) trying b) tried c) tries d) try

Answer Key	1	C	2	C	3	D	4	B	5	A
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Rule-4

Use 2nd Form of Verb when the earlier action is mentioned (Subject + Had + V-III).

- When he *had finished* his task, they *beat* him well and *let* him go.
- After the drum beat *had ceased*, he *called* out to the people.

EXERCISE

- (1) The patient had died before the doctor _____. (2 Times)
 a) arrive b) would arrive c) arrived d) had arrived
- (2) The thief had run away before the police _____. (1 Time)
 a) comes b) come c) came d) had come
- (3) After Arthur had returned to his book, Norma ____ back to the kitchen.
 a) goes b) go c) had gone d) went
- (4) She had just turned over the supper steaks when the telephone _____.
 a) rang b) rung c) rings d) had rung
- (5) When the couple had walked ahead of him, he hurriedly ____ after them.
 a) moves b) moved c) had moved d) moving

Answer Key	1	C	2	C	3	D	4	A	5	B
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Rule-5

Use 2nd Form of Verb when the other action is also in the Past (Past followed by Past).

- He *reached* into his pocket and *withdrew* an envelope.
- They *took* him and *set* him to work.

EXERCISE

- (1) He said that he _____. (2 Times)
 a) was ill b) Is ill c) will be ill d) has been ill
- (2) Lubna said that she _____ Nadeem. (1 Time)
 a) hated b) do not hate c) did not hated d) hate
- (3) He told me that he _____ happy. (1 Time)
 a) is b) was c) will be d) has been
- (4) Nazia said that she _____ Ijaz. (1 Time)
 a) loved b) do not love c) did not loved d) love
- (5) After it _____ dark, we came back inside.
 a) is getting b) get c) got d) gets

Answer Key	1	A	2	A	3	B	4	A	5	C
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Rule-6

Use 2nd Form of Verb in if-part of sentence when the other part shows result (Subject + Would + V-I).

- He *would end* up if he *tried* to make a living there.
- He *would be* skating champion if he *gave* all his time to it.

EXERCISE

- (1) If you _____, you would succeed. (2 Times)
 a) works hard b) worked hard c) had worked hard d) work hard
- (2) If he _____ the match, he would win. (1 Time)
 a) plays b) will play c) played d) shall played
- (3) If I _____ the education minister, I would introduce new education policy. (1 Time)
 a) am b) is c) will be d) were
- (4) If you _____ hard, you would pass. (1 Time)
 a) work b) worked c) will work d) would work
- (5) If he ever _____ extra money, this bonus would be locked up in a box.
 a) receives b) receive c) received d) had received

Answer Key	1	B	2	C	3	D	4	B	5	C
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Rule-7

Use 2nd Form of Verb with preposition in/on + Past Period of Time.

- He *came* to see us *on* Sunday.
- She *met* us at Christmas *in* 2022.

EXERCISE

- (1) He _____ a horse in 1990. (1 Time)
 a) kept b) keep c) had kept d) has keep
- (2) I _____ Karachi in 1975. (1 Time)
 a) have visited b) had visited c) visit d) visited
- (3) Aslam _____ in 1965. (1 Time)
 a) born b) is born c) has born d) was born
- (4) He _____ my book on Friday. (1 Time)
 a) return b) returns c) has returned d) returned
- (5) I _____ a vexing dream about a fortnight after Christmas.
 a) have b) has c) had d) having

Answer Key	1	A	2	D	3	D	4	D	5	C
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Rule-8

Use 2nd Form of Verb when some action happened only once.

- He *graduated* from Punjab University.
- Pakistan *came* into being in 1947.

EXERCISE

- (1) Once upon a time, there _____ a woodcutter.
 a) lives b) had lived c) lived d) living
- (2) Marconi _____ radio in 1845.
 a) invents b) invent c) had invented d) nvented
- (3) Babar _____ Rana Sanga at Khanwa.
 a) defeat b) defeats c) defeated d) will defeat
- (4) The Muslims _____ Makkah.
 a) conquered b) conquers c) will conquer d) had conquered
- (5) Columbus _____ America.
 a) di: covers b) discovered c) discover d) discovering

Answer Key	1	C	2	D	3	C	4	A	5	B
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Rule-9

Use 2nd Form of Verb when two actions happened simultaneously in the past.

- He *removed* his hat as Norma *opened* the door.
- He *rested* a minute while I *managed* to stand.

EXERCISE

- (1) No sooner did I reach the station than the train _____. (1 Time)
 a) leave b) has left c) did leave d) left
- (2) I sang while she _____.
 a) dances b) danced c) has danced d) dancing
- (3) We left as he _____ back.
 a) came b) comes c) come d) coming
- (4) As soon as the sun rose, we _____ off the lights.
 a) are switching b) switches c) switched d) switch
- (5) Once it _____ raining, we started the game again.
 a) stops b) stopped c) stop d) will stop

Answer Key	1	D	2	B	3	A	4	C	5	B
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Rule-10

Use 2nd Form of Verb in sentences where one action happened after another.

- He *stroked* it and it *leapt* up onto the bench.
- He *came* in the room and *sat* down on the chair.

EXERCISE

- (1) Norma picked it up, unlocked the door and _____ into the apartment.
 a) went b) goes c) had gone d) going
- (2) He _____ here, opened the window and took a bath.
 a) comes b) come c) had come d) came
- (3) She bought a book, went home and _____ to read it straightway.
 a) started b) start c) starts d) will start
- (4) He opened the door and _____ out.
 a) rush b) rushed c) rushes d) had rushed
- (5) The cat _____ up on the rug and went to sleep.
 a) curled b) curls c) curl d) has curled

Answer Key	1	A	2	D	3	A	4	B	5	A
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Rule-11

Use 2nd Form of Verb in sentences showing preference for others (Subject + would rather + Subject + V-II).

I would rather he didn't know I was around.

We would rather she consulted her doctor.

EXERCISE

- (1) I would rather he _____ the car.
 a) drove b) drives c) has driven d) is driving
- (2) I would rather you _____ home now.
 a) go b) went c) goes d) will go
- (3) My wife would rather we _____ see each other anymore.
 a) didn't b) don't c) won't d) shan't
- (4) I would rather Wozzeck _____ the oyster.
 a) opens b) opening c) opened d) open
- (5) I would rather Harry _____ it on.
 a) take b) took c) takes d) taking

Answer Key	1	A	2	B	3	A	4	C	5	B
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Complementary Exercise-1

- (1) She _____ this pen yesterday. (2 Times)
 a) had bought b) buys c) has bought d) bought
- (2) A few days ago, they _____ us. (2 Times)
 a) had met b) met c) meet d) will meet
- (3) He _____ me yesterday. (2 Times)
 a) meet b) meets c) met d) had met
- (4) The guest _____ here last night. (2 Times)
 a) reached b) reached c) are reaching d) will reach
- (5) Would that I _____ a Minister. (6 Times)
 a) am b) have been c) was d) were
- (6) He cried as if he _____ mad. (1 Time)
 a) is b) was c) were d) has been
- (7) Would that I _____ a millionaire! (1 Time)
 a) am b) shall be c) was d) were
- (8) He treated me as if I _____ his servant. (1 Time)
 a) am b) have been c) were d) was
- (9) Would that I _____ a knight. (1 Time)
 a) am b) were c) was d) shall be
- (10) He was ordering as if he _____ the president. (1 Time)
 a) is b) was c) were d) will be

Answer Key

1	D	2	B	3	C	4	B	5	D	6	C	7	D	8	C	9	B	10	C
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Complementary Exercise-2

- (1) I ____ a letter yesterday. (2 Times)
 a) have received b) received c) had received d) were received
- (2) The train _____ twenty minutes ago. (2 Times)
 a) Had arrived b) had been arrived c) arrived d) will be arrived
- (3) I ____ book last night. (2 Times)
 a) will not read b) do not read c) did not read d) am not read
- (4) Why ____ there yesterday? (2 Times)
 a) you go b) you went c) did you go d) had you gone
- (5) Would that I _____ a king? (1 Time)
 a) have been b) am c) was d) were
- (6) He laughs as if he _____ weeping. (1 Time)
 a) is b) was c) were d) was
- (7) He _____ me last year. (1 Time)
 a) had visited b) has visited c) visited d) shall visit
- (8) They _____ here a few months ago. (1 Time)
 a) come b) came c) had come d) would have come
- (9) He wept as if he _____ in great pain. (1 Time)
 a) were b) was c) has been d) is
- (10) I _____ to Lahore yesterday. (1 Time)
 a) goes b) went c) go d) will go

Answer Key

1	B	2	C	3	C	4	C	5	D	6	C	7	C	8	B	9	A	10	B
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Complementary Exercise-3

- (1) I ____ on her yesterday. (1 Time)
 a) calls b) called c) have called d) will call
- (2) We ____ to see the pictures last night. (2 Times)
 a) go b) had gone c) went d) will go
- (3) He ____ a book three days ago. (2 Times)
 a) buy b) will buy c) bought d) had bought
- (4) He looks as if he ____ mad. (1 Time)
 a) is b) are c) were d) was
- (5) My friend _____ a car last week. (2 Times)
 a) bought b) has bought c) will buy d) had bought
- (6) He ____ there last year. (1 Time)
 a) go b) went c) gone d) goes
- (7) Would that I ____ the administrator. (1 Time)
 a) am b) was c) are d) were
- (8) My friend _____ to Lahore yesterday. (1 Time)
 a) goes b) went c) has gone d) will go
- (9) I ____ your letter yesterday. (1 Time)
 a) will receive b) have received c) has received d) received
- (10) She ____ me last month. (1 Time)
 a) had not met b) did not meet c) was not meet d) has not met

Answer Key

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