

## Tenses

The verbs are arranged in the following manner in different sentences:

**1. continuous action with an interrupting action:**

- a. I was watching a movie when the phone rang.
- b. Grace was walking her dog when she saw a stranger in the street.

**2. two actions in past:**

- a. When I reached the station the train had already left.
- b. The concert had started when we reached the auditorium.

**3. had + would have**

- a. Had I known about the danger, I would not have gone out in the dark of the night.
- b. If I had spoken to him politely, he would have cried.

**4. For + duration of time:**

- a. My friends have been waiting for me for an hour.
- b. Mr Lal had been going to this office for the last ten years.

**5. Since+ time:**

- a. The girls have been playing since morning and now they are tired.
- b. My mom has been teaching me since I was in class one.

**6. Possibility of completing an action in future:**

- a. I would have collected at least a hundred coins by the end of this month.
- b. We would have passed grade ten, next year at the same time.

Q1. Make one sentence of each kind:

Q2. Choose the correct option to answer the following:

1. The major said that it ..... him great pleasure to be there that evening.

a) gives

b) gave

c) was giving

2. He said that he ..... go as soon as it was possible.

a) will

b) would

c) can

3. The teacher often tells me that if I ..... hard I will fail.

a) didn't work

b) don't work

c) hadn't worked

4. The lecturer said Akbar was just and ..... the respect of all races and classes.

a) won

b) had won

c) has won

5. He replied that he ..... to reward his soldiers and that he had kept his word.

a) promised

b) had promised

c) would promise

6. The lion told the mouse that he was very weak and that his teeth ..... out.

a) fell

b) have fallen

c) had fallen

7. The magistrate asked the accused what ..... with his hand in the gentleman's pocket.

a) was he doing

b) he was doing

c) had he done

8. The stranger asked Alice where she .....

a) was living

b) lives

c) lived

9. The king asked the philosopher whom he ..... the happiest man alive.

a) consider

b) considered

c) was considering

10. He asked me whether I ..... him.

a) would accompany

b) will accompany

c) have accompanied

## Answers

1. The major said that it **gave** him great pleasure to be there that evening.
2. He said that he **would** go as soon as it was possible.
3. The teacher often tells me that if I **don't work** hard I will fail.
4. The lecturer said Akbar was just and **won** the respect of all races and classes.
5. He replied that he **had promised** to reward his soldiers and that he had kept his word.
6. The lion told the mouse that he was very weak and that his teeth **had fallen** out.
7. The magistrate asked the accused what **he was doing** with his hand in the gentleman's pocket.
8. The stranger asked Alice where she **lived**.
9. The king asked the philosopher whom he **considered** the happiest man alive.
10. He asked me whether I **would accompany** him.