

Sequence of Tenses के सम्बन्ध में नीचे दिए गए Important Rules को समझकर अपना concept clear करें।

1. यदि Principal Clause का Finite Verb Present या Future Tense में हो तो, Subordinate/Dependent Clause का Verb किसी भी Tense में हो सकता है; जैसे—

Principal Clause	Subordinate Clause
Pratik says	that she works hard.
Pratik says	that she worked hard.
Pratik says	that she will work hard.
Pratik will say	that she is laborious.
Pratik will say	that she was laborious.
Pratik will say	that she will be laborious.

ध्यान दें : जब दो वाक्य किसी Subordinating Conjunction/Relative Adverb/Relative Pronoun से जुड़े होते हैं, तब इनमें एक Principal clause और दूसरा Subordinate/Dependent clause कहलाता है।

2. यदि Principal clause का Finite Verb Present Tense या Future Tense में हो और Subordinate clause किसी Conjunction of Purpose (*that, so that, in order that* इत्यादि) से शुरू होता हो तो Subordinate clause के Finite Verb के पहले May का प्रयोग होता है; जैसे—

I work hard so that I may pass. I will work hard so that I may pass.

3. यदि Subordinate clause किसी Conjunction of Purpose से शुरू हो और Principal clause में past tense का Finite Verb हो तो Subordinate clause में Finite Verb के पहले Might का प्रयोग होता है; जैसे—

I worked hard so that I might pass.

4. Lest भी Conjunction of Purpose है जिसका अर्थ होता है—*so thatnot* (जिससे कि नही); किन्तु इसके बाद May या Might का प्रयोग नहीं होता है, केवल Should का प्रयोग होता है; जैसे—

I labour hard lest I should fail.

I laboured hard lest I should fail.

I will labour hard lest I should fail.

5. यदि Sentence Conditional Form में हो, तो Subordinate clause का Finite Verb सामान्यतः Present Tense में होता है न कि Future Tense में; जैसे—

She will pass if she labours hard.

I shall be very happy if you attend the function.

6. यदि Principal clause का *Finite Verb Past Tense* में हो, तो Subordinate clause का Verb भी Corresponding Past Tense में होता है; जैसे—

Principal Clause	Subordinate clause
She told me	that her mother was not at home.
I would do	if you liked it.
I knew	that he would not help me.
My sister expected	that I would come.
She ran fast	so that she might reach in time.
The child did not know	that his father had gone.

7. Subordinate clause में Universal Truth, General Truth, Habitual Fact, Geographical Truth इत्यादि का उल्लेख हो, तो उसका Verb Present Tense में रहेगा, यदि Principal Clause का *Finite Verb Past Tense* में हो; तब भी; जैसे—

Principal clause	Subordinate clause
He said	that the earth is round.
My father said	that honesty is the best policy.
He told her	that two and two is four.
She told me	that the sun is hot.

8. Subordinate clause में Adverb clause of Place/Reason/Comparison हो, तो उसका Verb sense के अनुसार किसी भी Tense में हो सकता है, यदि Principal clause का *Finite Verb Past Tense* में हो; तब भी; जैसे—

Principal clause	Subordinate clause
She went to Bilaspur	where his daughter is posted. (<i>place</i>)
She wanted to live	where her husband lives. (<i>place</i>)
He did not help me	because he is / was ill. (<i>Reason</i>)
She loved me more	than she loves / loved / will love you. (<i>Comparison</i>)
Last month he spent	as much money as you will not spend in a year. (<i>Comparison</i>)

9. Subordinate clause में यदि Adjective clause हो तो उसका Verb sense के अनुसार किसी भी Tense में हो सकता है, यदि Principal clause का *Finite Verb Past Tense* में हो तब भी; जैसे—

Principal clause	Subordinate clause
I saw a man	who has two heads.
The police caught the boy	who steals bicycles.
I bought a pen	which is very attractive.

10. Subordinate clause यदि 'As if' या 'As though' से शुरू होता हो तो Past Tense में प्रयुक्त Verb से Present Tense का भाव व्यक्त होता है; जैसे—

She talks as if / as though she were mad.
= She is not actually mad, however, she talks like a mad woman.
He ordered me as though he were my master.

ध्यान दें : 'As if' / 'As though' के बाद *were* का प्रयोग होता है।

Examples :

Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the Verb given in brackets—

1. He thought that itrain. (will)
2. She said that sheno money with her. (have)
3. We found that he dishonest. (to be)
4. She liked him better than she you. (like)
5. She helped us more than she her own children. (help)
6. Too many cooks the broth. (spoil)
7. It hard to live in Rome and with the Pope. (to be, fight)
8. Mohan works hard lest he fail. (shall)
9. My father expected that I participate. (will)
10. My mother said that the earth round the sun. (move)
11. We hired a taxi so that we catch the train. (may)
12. They will work hard that they succeed. (may)
13. I will attend the party if he me. (invite)
14. Those who in glass houses should not stones at others (live, throw)
15. He went to Delhi where his father employed. (to be)

Answer :

1. would 2. had 3. was 4. likes 5. helps 6. spoil 7. is, fight 8. should 9. would 10. moves 11. might 12. may 13. invites 14. live, throw 15. is

Exercise : 1
Test yourself :

1. He told me that his father not at home. (to be)
2. I asked him if he told a lie. (have)
3. She knew that he not help her. (will)
4. He ran fast so that he catch the bus. (may)
5. I expected that she pass. (will)
6. He did not know that his father gone. (have)
7. The old man walks carefully lest he fall down. (shall)
8. I bought a cow which sweet milk. (give)
9. The police caught a man who books. (steal)
10. I told him that his brother a gambler. (to be)
11. The teacher said that the sun hot. (to be)
12. If you work hard you pass. (will)
13. If you worked hard you pass. (will)
14. She scolded me as if I her servant. (to be)
15. Last week he spent as much money as you not spend in a month. (will)
16. He speaks as though he angry. (to be)
17. He failed because he ill. (fall)
18. All of us know that money money. (beget)
19. He cannot see unless he glasses. (wear)
20. I shall be happy if you my birthday party. (attend)
21. You will catch the morning train if you up early. (get)
22. He succeeded because he so hard. (work)
23. Galileo proved that the earth round the sun. (move)
24. As soon as he saw me he away. (run)
25. He behaved as though he an officer. (to be)
26. She went to Russia in order that she learn Russian. (may)
27. The saint said that all men mortal. (to be)

28. I respect my teacher more than I my own parents. (respect)
 29. He finished early though he late. (begin)
 30. No sooner did he see me than he to me running. (come)

Exercise : 2

Rewrite the following sentences, correcting errors in Tenses.

Examples :

- The teacher explained to us that the earth revolved round the sun.
Ans. The teacher explained to us that the earth revolves round the sun.
- She was happy when she sees me.
Ans. She was happy when she saw me.
- He lives as though he is a minister.
Ans. He lives as though he were a minister.
- He sold the cow because she had gone dry.
Ans. He sold the cow because she has gone dry.
- If you had worked hard you will have passed.
Ans. If you had worked hard you would have passed.

Test yourself :

- If you worked hard you will pass.
- The old man scolded me as though he was my boss.
- He worked hard lest he will fail in the examination.
- The judge declared that the accused was innocent.
- I knew that he never attends his classes regularly.
- I found that he can not solve the problem.
- I took care that she shall not see me.
- I found that I have lost my way.
- The old man said union was strength.
- She expected that he will come soon.

Exercise : 3

Complete the following sentences adding suitable clauses :

Examples :

- I saw that
Ans. I saw that the police had caught the thieves.
- I asked him if
Ans. I asked him if he had posted the letter.
- He talks as if
Ans. He talks as if he were my boss.
- If you don't work hard
Ans. If you don't work hard you cannot pass.
- He left the place as soon as
Ans. He left the place as soon as he heard the news.

Test yourself

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| 1. They fought that | 2. You will think that |
| 3. He was so tired that | 4. They ran fast lest they |
| 5. He passed the test because | 6. I shall forgive you if |
| 7. No sooner did I reach home than ... | 8. I respect her as though |
| 9. He climbed up a tree so that | 10. that I might not overtake him. |