

सो रही थीं · आँखें बंद कीं

A past action in progress

5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

The festival

Hindi

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A past action in progress

Past progressive uses **रहा/रही/रहे** plus **था/थी/थे/थीं**: **कमला जी सो रही थीं**. It describes an action in progress at a past moment; respectful feminine **थीं** suits Kamala.

Contrast **मैंने आँखें बंद कीं** (I closed my eyes) with **मैं सो रही थी** (I was sleeping, female). **आँखें** is feminine plural, so a perfective with unmarked object has **कीं**.

A negated perception stays simple: **मैंने कुछ नहीं देखा**. **किसी ने नहीं देखा** means nobody saw it. Past report questions can be **कहाँ थीं?, क्या देखा?**, avoiding complex long questions.

कमला जी सो रही थीं।

Kamala was sleeping. (respectful)

मैंने आँखें बंद कीं।

I closed my eyes.

मैं सो रहा था।

I was sleeping. (male)

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL FORM

Underline the form explained in this unit.

1 कमला जी सो रही थीं।

Meaning: Kamala was sleeping. (respectful)

2 मैंने आँखें बंद कीं।

Meaning: I closed my eyes.

3

मैं

सो

रहा

था।

Meaning: I was sleeping. (male)

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the meaning and the Hindi pattern.

1 कमला जी सो रही _____।

(A) था

(B) थे

(C) थीं

Meaning: Kamala was sleeping. (respectful)

2 मैंने आँखें बंद _____।

- ☐ A किए
- ☐ B कीं
- ☐ C किया

Meaning: I closed my eyes.

3 मैं सो रहा _____।

- ☐ A थी
- ☐ B थीं
- ☐ C था

Meaning: I was sleeping. (male)

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

थीं था

कमला जी सो रही _____।

Meaning: Kamala was sleeping. (respectful)

कीं किया

मैंने आँखें बंद _____।

Meaning: I closed my eyes.

था थी

मैं सो रहा _____।

Meaning: I was sleeping. (male)

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

थीं।

जी

कमला

सो

रही

Meaning: Kamala was sleeping. (respectful)

2

मैंने

आँखें

बंद

कीं।

Meaning: I closed my eyes.

3

मैं

था।

रहा

सो

Meaning: I was sleeping. (male)

G5) CONNECT FORM AND MEANING

Match the pairs.

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|------------------------|--|
| ① कमला जी सो रही थीं। | ① A Kamala was sleeping.
(respectful) |
| ② मैंने आँखें बंद कीं। | ② B I closed my eyes. |
| ③ मैं सो रहा था। | ③ C I was sleeping. (male) |