

SCENE 20 · GRAMMAR

था · थी · थे · थीं

Past descriptions and family status

5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

Photos on the wall

Hindi

Read & listen
online

Past descriptions and family status

Past be changes for gender and number: **कमरा खाली था, मेज़ खाली थी, कमरे खाली थे, मेज़ें खाली थीं.** With **मैं** the speaker chooses **था/थी**. A respectful woman uses **थीं**.

A past routine uses **-ता/-ती/-ते** plus past be: **अर्जुन यहाँ रहता था.** It describes how things used to be, not a single finished action. Completed events are taught later.

Personal status can stay simple: **मेरी शादी नहीं हुई है, मेरे बच्चे नहीं हैं.** Learn the first as a common status phrase; do not turn the greeting and marriage expressions into an advanced tense lesson.

Past description	Example
Masculine singular	था
Feminine singular	थी
Masculine plural/respectful	थे
Feminine plural/respectful	थीं

कमरा खाली था।

The room was empty.

मेज़ खाली थी।

The table was empty.

अर्जुन यहाँ रहता था।

Arjun used to live here.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL FORM**

Underline the form explained in this unit.

- 1 कमरा खाली था।

Meaning: The room was empty.

- 2 मेज़ खाली थी।

Meaning: The table was empty.

- 3 अर्जुन यहाँ रहता था।

Meaning: Arjun used to live here.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the meaning and the Hindi pattern.

1 कमरा खाली _____।

(A) था

(B) थीं

(C) थी

Meaning: The room was empty.

2 मेज़ खाली _____।

(A) थी

(B) थे

(C) था

Meaning: The table was empty.

3 अर्जुन यहाँ रहता _____।

(A) थी

(B) था

(C) थीं

Meaning: Arjun used to live here.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

थी था

कमरा खाली _____।

Meaning: The room was empty.

था थी

मेज़ खाली _____।

Meaning: The table was empty.

थी था

अर्जुन यहाँ रहता _____।

Meaning: Arjun used to live here.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

खाली

कमरा

था।

Meaning: The room was empty.

2

थी।

खाली

मेज़

Meaning: The table was empty.

3

यहाँ

अर्जुन

था।

रहता

Meaning: Arjun used to live here.

G5) CONNECT FORM AND MEANING

Match the pairs.

① अर्जुन यहाँ रहता था।

Ⓐ The table was empty.

② मेज़ खाली थी।

Ⓑ The room was empty.

③ कमरा खाली था।

Ⓒ Arjun used to live here.