



SPORTS

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Role Play

Binara: Hello, Nisal. Have you met Ayub today?

Nisal: No, I haven't. Why?

Binara: He had been trying to find you all morning yesterday before he went to see the cricket match, but he hadn't been able to.

Nisal: Oh! We had a volleyball match yesterday. I was there.

Binara: Really? Did you win?

Nisal: No, we didn't. We had been playing for only a few minutes when it started to rain. We had to abandon the match.

Binara: That's bad luck.

Nisal: Yes. So how was the cricket match?

Binara: We won by 5 wickets. Methun scored 76 runs and took 3 wickets.

Nisal: Wow! I am very happy.

Binara: So am I. It was a great match.

Nisal: Let's go to see the next match. I love cricket.

Binara: So do I. Let's go together.

Sometimes when speaking and writing, we leave out some words to avoid repetition. These words are not necessary to understand the meaning.

Eg:- No, I haven't. – No, I haven't met him.

 **Activity 01**

Reading

Read the dialogue and match these utterances with the corresponding sentences.

A

1. No, we didn't.
2. But he hadn't been able to.
3. So am I.
4. So do I.

B

1. But he hadn't been able to find you.
2. I am happy, too.
3. No, we didn't win the match.
4. I love cricket, too.

 **Activity 02**

Read the dialogues and select the sentence that gives the correct meaning.

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A: Senura drives a car.
B: Vimukthi does, too.
A: Yes, they both had driving lessons together.

“Vimukthi does, too.” means:

- i. Vimukthi does not drive a car.
- ii. Vimukthi also drives a car.

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A: Colombo is really hot these days.
B: So is Jaffna.
A: Then let's plan a trip to Nuwara Eliya.

“So is Jaffna.” means:

- i. Jaffna is hot, too.
- ii. Jaffna is not so hot.

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A: I lived in Australia for some time.

B: I did too. In which part did you live?

“I did too.” means:

- i. B did not live in Australia.
- ii. B also lived in Australia.

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A: Mewan did not come to school yesterday.

B: Neither did his sister. We should call them.

“Neither did his sister.” means:

- i. His sister came to school yesterday.
- ii. His sister was absent from school yesterday.

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A: I haven't done my homework.

B: Neither have I. Let's do it now.

“Neither have I.” means:

- i. B doesn't have any homework.
- ii. B hasn't done his/her homework either.

Learning Point

Past Perfect Continuous

Read these sentences.

- He **had been trying** to find you before he went to see the match.
- We **had been playing** for only a few minutes when it started to rain.

Past perfect continuous tense is used here.

We use past perfect continuous tense to indicate an action which had started in the past and been going on continuously up to the time in the past we are talking about.



- He/they had been trying to call you when you arrived.
- He/they had not been trying to call you when you arrived.
- Had he/they been trying to call you when you arrived?
- Hadn't he/they been trying to call you when you arrived?

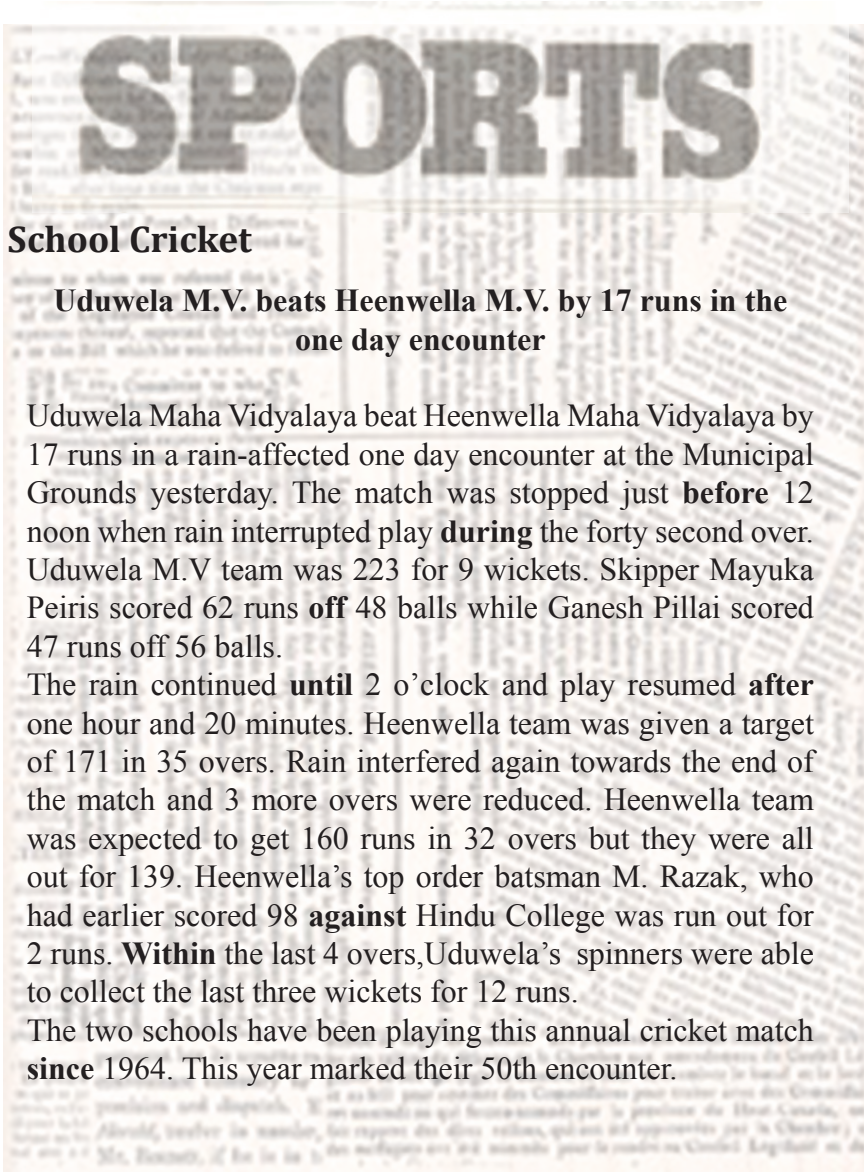
Activity 03

Complete the sentences using the past perfect continuous form.

1. The boys were covered in mud. They (play) in the field.
2. He (work) too hard before he fell ill.
3. How long you (play) when it started to rain?
4. I (watch) TV for half an hour when the lights went out.
5. I (read) that newspaper every week since last January.

Activity 04

Read this newspaper article and use the words in bold to complete the sentences given below.



School Cricket

Uduwela M.V. beats Heenwella M.V. by 17 runs in the one day encounter

Uduwela Maha Vidyalaya beat Heenwella Maha Vidyalaya by 17 runs in a rain-affected one day encounter at the Municipal Grounds yesterday. The match was stopped just **before** 12 noon when rain interrupted play **during** the forty second over. Uduwela M.V team was 223 for 9 wickets. Skipper Mayuka Peiris scored 62 runs **off** 48 balls while Ganesh Pillai scored 47 runs off 56 balls.

The rain continued **until** 2 o'clock and play resumed **after** one hour and 20 minutes. Heenwella team was given a target of 171 in 35 overs. Rain interfered again towards the end of the match and 3 more overs were reduced. Heenwella team was expected to get 160 runs in 32 overs but they were all out for 139. Heenwella's top order batsman M. Razak, who had earlier scored 98 **against** Hindu College was run out for 2 runs. **Within** the last 4 overs, Uduwela's spinners were able to collect the last three wickets for 12 runs.

The two schools have been playing this annual cricket match **since** 1964. This year marked their 50th encounter.

1. My mother was tired because she had been working early morning.
2. Please don't go now. Wait the rain stops.
3. The dentist advised the child to brush his teeth going to bed.
4. The director is in a meeting. He will be here only two o'clock.
5. Don't worry. You will get a salary increase the next three months.
6. The members of the school badminton team are expected to meet the principal the interval.
7. Many people are using animals in scientific research.
8. They went in a hurry.

Activity 05

Speaking

Risuli is the netball captain of her school. She gave this speech at the morning assembly about netball to make other students aware of the sport. Read it and prepare a similar speech about your favourite sport/game. Appoint a student from your group as the captain of the team to deliver the speech to the class.

Good morning everybody.

*Madam Principal, dear teachers and friends,
All of us know that our inter-house netball tournaments are commencing next week. So I think it's a good time to tell you something about netball to make you aware of the sport.

Netball is a team game which consists of seven players in each team. It is mainly played by women even though there are men's netball teams in some countries.



Netball was derived from basketball. This game originated in England in 1890s. Netball can be played both as an indoor and an outdoor game. It is played in a rectangular court with two goal rings at each end. Teams score points by shooting the ball through the rings. Each player is assigned positions and can hold the ball up to three seconds before passing or shooting a goal. A game is played for sixty minutes and the team which scores the highest number of goals wins the game.

It is a popular game in Commonwealth Countries. Rules and regulations of the game and organizing international tournaments are handled by the International Netball Federation.

I know you are looking forward to the tournaments. I am happy to say that all preparations have been completed by now. Remember my friends, while we all love to win, winning is not everything. Respect the game and play fair. Let's enjoy our netball season.

You may make use of the facts given below in your speeches.



Basketball

- First played in U.S.A.
- 5 players.
- Both men and women play.
- Indoor or outdoor.
- Shoots a ball through a netted hoop attached to a backboard.
- Time - Four quarters of 12 minutes each.



Elle

- Traditional Sri Lankan sport.
- 16 players.
- All players play an innings.
- Hits a ball with a bamboo stick.



Badminton

- Played with a racket and a shuttlecock.
- Singles or doubles.
- Rectangular court divided by a net.
- Mostly an indoor game.
- Game ends at 21 points.

Activity 06

Now write a paragraph about your favourite sport or game.



Volleyball

- 6 players.
- Teams separated by a net.
- Indoor or outdoor.
- Scores by "grounding" the ball in opposing team's court.
- Both men and women play.
- Game ends after scoring 25 points.

👉 **Activity 07**

Groupwork

Read these quotes about good sportsmanship. Add your own ideas to them and prepare a poster.

Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.”
— **Michael Jordan**—**basketball player**

Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to produce uncommon results - **Unknown**

Just play, have fun, enjoy the game.
-**Michael Jordan**

I think sportsmanship is knowing that it is a game, that we are only as good as our opponents, and whether you win or lose, to always give 100 percent.
- **Sue Wicks** —**basketball player**

One man practising sportsmanship is better than hundred teaching it.
-**Knute Rockne** —**American football player and coach**

"The secret of winning football games is working more as a team, less as individuals.-**Knute Rockne** — **American football player and coach**

E.g:



👍 **Activity 08**

Writing

Do you know these sports personalities? Match them with the descriptions given in activity 7 in your workbook.

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